

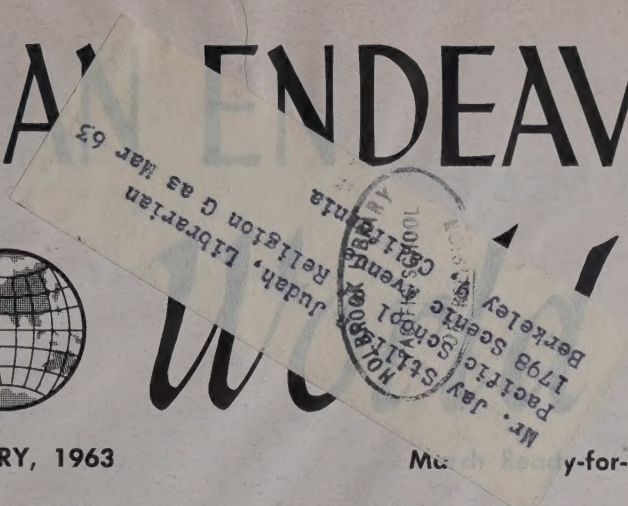
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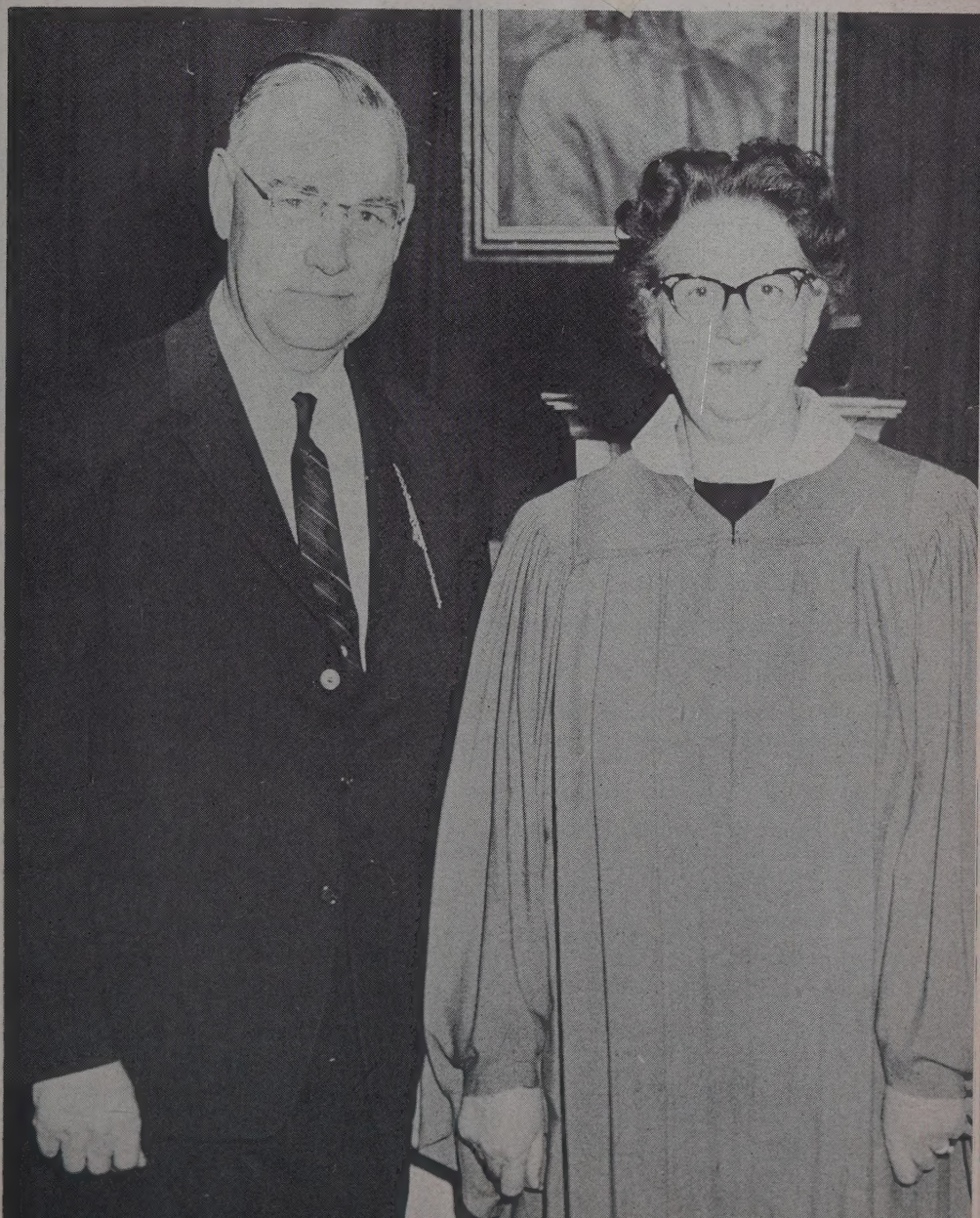
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THE "FIRST LADY"

AND THE PRESIDENT



OUR MEMBERSHIP MOBILIZATION!

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff



"... fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me." Thus reads Colossians 4:11. And what a blessed and unique privilege and pleasure it is that we enjoy as co-workers in that part of the kingdom tasks that falls to Christian Endeavor. As in few other organizations, fellow workers in Christian Endeavor stand side by side in the work of Christ and His Church without regard to race, color, national origin, or denominational background. And it is a reassuring comfort to know that such a vast army of co-workers are of one mind, possessed of one purpose.

Perhaps one of the greatest demonstrations of marshalling the full forces of Christian Endeavor is the annual Membership Mobilization period during January and February. It is at that time each year that an effort is made to as-

sure ourselves that our financial house is in order so that the rest of the year can be spent on the more important aspects of the ministry of Christian Endeavor International.

A worker is in a true sense a steward and of stewards certain things are required. The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Christians in Corinth, reminds us that it is required of a steward that he be found faithful. It is required that he be dependable; he must be trustworthy in the administration of the trust which he holds.

The work of the kingdom of God requires not only time and talents—it demands the use of our means, too. So we do not hesitate to put forth the issue of money in this Membership Mobilization effort. You may become an Annual Member at \$15, an Annual Member with your own Doubling at \$30, or a Sustain-

ing Annual Member at \$50 or more.

Double your money—several generous co-workers, friends of Christian Endeavor, are making plans to "double" any Fifteen Dollar memberships received before February 28.

About sixty per cent of Christian Endeavor's income comes from contributions of \$15, many of them coming from the very youth we seek to serve. A small number of gifts range from twenty-five dollars to one hundred dollars. There are only a few larger gifts so much depends on the Membership Mobilization.

Your support right now will help introduce thousands of boys and girls to the Christian faith, training them as tomorrow's leaders, helping to stem the rising tide of juvenile delinquents.

"Moreover, it is required in stewardship that a man be found faithful."

February and March Events

February

2—Christian Endeavor's 82nd birthday

Contact: International Society of Christian Endeavor

4—Deadline for entries in the 1963 Citizenship Awards Program

Contact: International Society of Christian Endeavor

9—Pacific Regional Conference, Portland, Oregon

Contact: Mrs. Etta V. Berger, 5550 N.W. 185th Avenue, Portland 10, Oregon

March

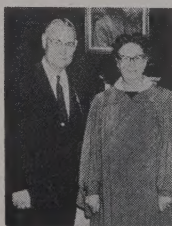
21-24—Oregon Convention, Tillamook

Contact: Miss Dorothy E. Howes, 303 Davis Building, Portland 4, Oregon

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!

COVER CLUES

Christian Endeavor's "first lady" is Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows, wife of the president of the International Society and the World's Union. Turn to Page 4 and meet Mrs. Meadows,



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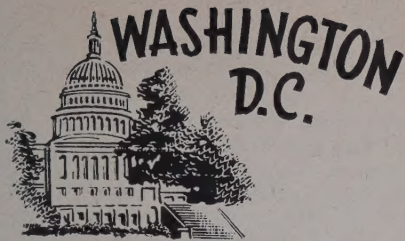
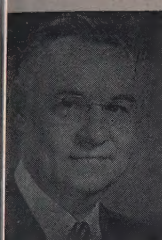
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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD



July 2-6 -- convention time!

CONVENTION SPEAKERS (top to bottom) are Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, D.D., Rev. Earl Wesley Lawson, Senator Frank Carlson, Dr. George K. Schweitzer, and Dr. Daniel A. Poling. The White House (below) is always an attraction for visitors to the Nation's Capital.



OUTSTANDING Christian leaders will speak at the mass meetings during the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D.C., July 2-6.

The keynote message at the opening session on Tuesday night will be given by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, D.D., of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Bishop Meadows is president of the International Society and also of the World's Union.

Rev. Earl Wesley Lawson of Malden, Massachusetts, will speak Wednesday night. Mr. Lawson is minister of Emmanuel Baptist Church and is well known as a youth speaker. He teaches weekday released time religious education classes in Boston, Cambridge, and in Watertown at Perkins School for the Blind.

Thursday evening's speaker is the honorable Frank Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas. A Baptist layman, he served as the general chairman of the Youth for Christ Capital Teen Convention December 27-29.

An emphasis on the Christian's role in the space age will be given on Friday night by Dr. George K. Schweitzer, professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He teaches and directs research in the fields of inorganic and

nuclear chemistry and is presently working on his thesis for a Ph.D. in Religion at New York University. A member of First Baptist Church, he is lecturer for a Sunday morning program which attracts about 200 college students.

Speaking at the great closing session on Saturday night will be Dr. Daniel A. Poling, honorary president of the World's Union. He is editor of CHRISTIAN HERALD magazine, the author of a number of books, and widely known as a speaker.

Other convention features include daily Quiet Hour and Bible study periods, a Communion Service, scores of educational conferences, a Junior Convention, a Christian Witness Parade, a banquet Friday evening, general assemblies each noon, sight-seeing and fellowship events.

Convention sessions will center in the Sheraton-Park Hotel, located in the heart of Washington. Delegates will receive special rates under an economical "package plan."

*To register, send \$4 with name and address to the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Registered delegates will receive all convention details.



MRS. MEADOWS has exhibited a ready sense of good humor which has brightened many an occasion. Her skill as a musician has been well documented through the years. But perhaps she has served her church best by the manner in which she has assisted her husband in his many and varied activities. To share her husband with the work of Christian Endeavor and Sunday school activities for the State of Pennsylvania has meant many lonely times for her. Truly she personifies the saying, 'They also serve who wait'.

This is the fine tribute paid to Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows recently by Smithy Mahon, class leader of King Street United Brethren Church in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Christian Endeavor's "first lady" was born Mabel Florence Mumma on a farm in Adams County near Decatur, Indiana. Her father, Charles Sumner Mumma, was a specialist in raising Berkshire hogs, but his dominant interest was in the church. He and his wife with their two daughters, Mabel and her younger sister Lilah, virtually lived for the church. From her earliest girlhood days Mabel was the organist for the little rural United Brethren Church where the family was active.

Mabel graduated from the high school in Decatur and went on to Huntington College in Huntington, Indiana where she majored in music. She is a graduate of the music department and qualified to teach public school music.

It was at Huntington College that she met Clyde W. Meadows, also a student. They were married August 13, 1924, and have one child, Mrs. Una Joyce Broome, who was born March 10, 1926. There are two grandsons, Bradley Williamson and Carter Eckman Broome.

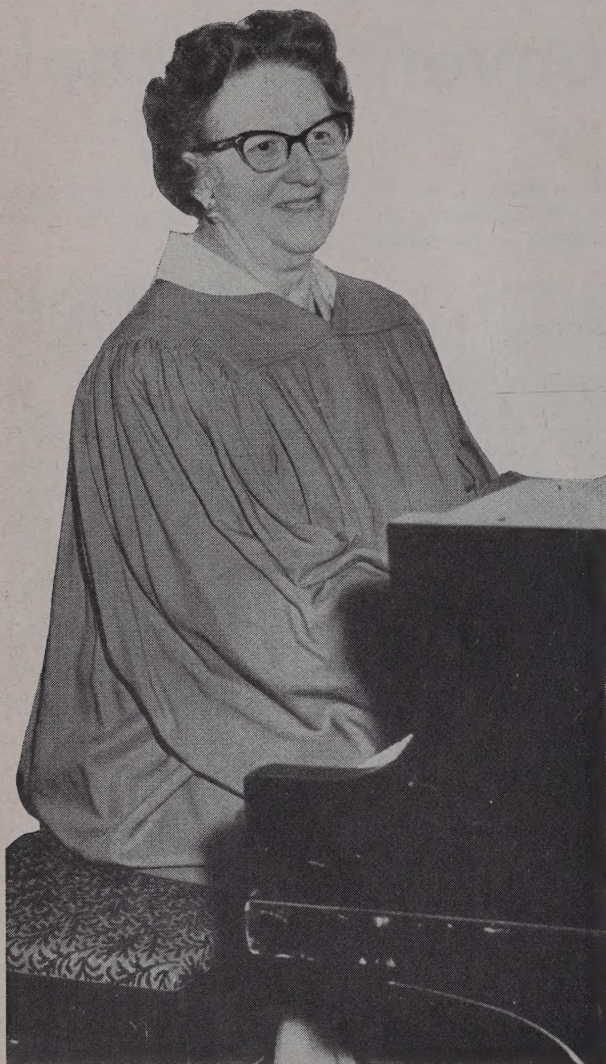
Mrs. Meadows has been active in the church through the years, having served with her husband in New Dundee, Ontario, where their daughter was born; in Mt. Solon, Virginia; and for 34 years, 1928 to the present, in King Street United Brethren Church in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

She taught in the Primary Department of the Sunday school and in later years an adult women's class known as the Sunshine Class. This class has a membership of 40 and takes a very active part in the work of the church.

Clifford C. Rotz, superintendent of the King Street Sunday School, says, "I have long been aware of the thoroughly satisfactory manner in which Mrs. Meadows has presented her lessons. We of the Sunday School appreciate her service as a teacher."

Always interested in the music of the church, Mrs. Meadows taught many to play the organ and piano. Her

MRS. MEADOWS at the piano (left) and with the Chape Choir of King Street United Brethren in Christ Church (below).



and pupils have been used through the years in the Sunday school and in Christian Endeavor.

For many years Mrs. Meadows had charge of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society. At present she is a member of the Adult Society.

A dozen years ago she instituted a Cherub Choir for children ages 4 to 9 and only recently turned over its direction to another. She also organized over 15 years ago the Chapel Choir for ages 10 to 17 and continues to direct this 44-voice choir which sings from time to time in the regular church services and gives annually an Easter or Christmas cantata, alternating with the Adult Church Choir. Mrs. Meadows plays the piano accompanied by the organ in Sunday evening church services and sings in the Adult Church Choir for other services.

A former member and soloist of the Chapel Choir, Carole Matzner, says, "Mrs. Meadows was always kind and considerate of others. You could easily see she was a happy person."

Rev. Paul Baker, pastor of King Street Church since 1961 when Dr. Meadows was elected Bishop of the United Brethren Church, praises Mrs. Meadows for her "substantial contribution to our church through her skill and ability as a musician." He also comments, "She has carried out the duties of a minister's wife skillfully and devotedly."

The "first lady" has traveled extensively with her husband. In 1953 the King Street Church gave to Dr. and Mrs. Meadows, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the pastor's trip to the Holy Land. During the spring of 1954 the Meadows traveled through Europe and the Middle Lands. Mrs. Meadows insists there were times she needed to sit down to let her mind catch up with her body, for they covered over 20,000 miles and visited 12 countries in 28 days.

Mrs. Meadows has attended many great Christian Endeavor gatherings, including the International Convention in Philadelphia in 1959 when her husband was elected president of the International Society; the Chicago Convention in 1961 when he was re-elected; and the International Convocation in Ottawa, Ontario, in 1960 when she visited the birthplace of Dr. Francis E. Clark. Her favorite direction of travel is toward Canada and her favorite country abroad is England.

The "first lady" is not only an accomplished pianist and has accompanied her husband in leading singing for many mass gatherings and conventions, but she is also famous for her cooking ability. Her husband says she is the best cook he has ever known. Her specialty, he reveals, is baking pies.

This is the Meadows' delightful new home at 385 Hudson Avenue in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.



Meet Christian Endeavor's "First Lady"

*Skilled musician, dedicated teacher,
devoted wife and mother, excellent cook,
ready sense of humor, a happy person --
that's Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows!*

Sunshine Class of King Street United Brethren in Christ Church with Mrs. Meadows (second from left).



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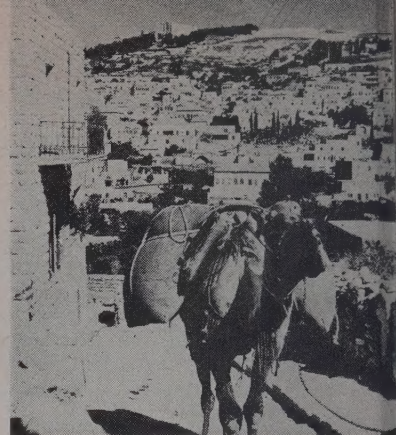
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Christian Endeavor's 1963 International Fellowship Tour of the Bible Lands and Southern Europe will be an exciting adventure into the past. It will combine the experience of walking in the footsteps of Jesus and of the great Biblical characters, of both the Old and New Testaments. Add to all this the beauties and attractions of Southern Europe.

The heart of the tour is an eleven-day carefully planned visit in and around old and new Jerusalem. This will include Bethlehem, Hebron, the Dead Sea, Jericho, Samaria, Mt. Zion, Nazareth, Galilee, Capernaum, Cana, Caesarea—and a host of other familiar and not-so-familiar sites of the great events of the Bible.

Included in the plans are a Communion Service in the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, worship services in Cairo and Nazareth, and opportunity to meet with Christian Endeavorers in many of the countries.

Along with all of this add visits to Istanbul, Damascus, Athens, Corinth, Rome, Barcelona, and Lisbon. This will be a thrill-packed tour from the day we fly out of New York International Airport in a sleek, giant Pan-American Airways Jet, until we return. The dates—



View of Nazareth

Monday, July 22, through Wednesday, August 21.

This is an all-expense, personally conducted tour, operated by the Travel Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Harold E. Westerhoff, Tour Director, associated with Christian Endeavor tours for more than a decade, will be with the party throughout the tour.

The cost, per person, is \$1,350. A deposit of \$200 will reserve a place.

LAST CALL FOR CITIZENSHIP ENTRIES!

February 4 is the deadline for mailing entries in the 1963 Citizenship Awards Program. All societies which have completed a Christian citizenship activity, begun after September 1, 1962, are urged to rush their entry to Christian Endeavor Headquarters. Fill out the official entry form, attach selected materials describing the activity (written report, photographs, press clippings, drawings, commendations, etc.), and mail at once by first class or airmail. Be sure your entry bears a postmark dated no later than February 4 and will reach Headquarters by February 15. Winners of the Albert H. Diebold Awards, totaling approximately \$1,500 in cash, trips, plaques, and certificates, will be announced April 25.

ENTRY FORM (Print or type in full)

(Valid only if postmarked by Monday, February 4, 1963, and received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, by 12:00 o'clock noon, Friday, February 15, 1963)

Please enter the citizenship activity described in our attached materials in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program.

(Name of society or group)

(Name of church)

(Address of church)

(Name and address of person sending entry)

(Your office or position in society or church)

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

All entries become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. All participating societies or groups agree to abide by the decisions of the judges, which are final.

Planning an Estate?



In your estate planning, remember Christian Endeavor International in your will, that its ministry may be undergirded in the days ahead.

A Sample Bequest:

I give and bequeath to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Columbus, Ohio, the sum of _____ Dollars.

For information write to:

Harold E. Westerhoff
General Secretary
International Society of
Christian Endeavor
1221 East Broad Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

NEWS AND VIEWS

FIJIAN ENDEAVORERS are active in any ways, according to the following report given last August by Mere Topaigi. The Centenary youth and young people from Dudley Memorial Methodist church entertained visitors from the United States who were in Suva as part of the Round-the-Pacific Tour. Here is here's report:

"Our society is called the Centenary Christian Endeavor Society. We meet each Friday, except on holidays, usually at 4:30 P.M. at the Annesley Methodist Girls School.

"Miss Alison Dawn is our leader and there are about 80 children from 11 different schools in our society. Some children are Active Members, some are Trial Members, and the others are known as visitors since they have not taken any pledge so far.

"Our society is divided into three committees, each with a leader, and each is responsible for a certain work. Our meetings are arranged by one of the committees which is called the Program Committee.

"In most of our meetings we have speakers whom we have invited or it is just someone from our group and they talk to us on subjects which we are not



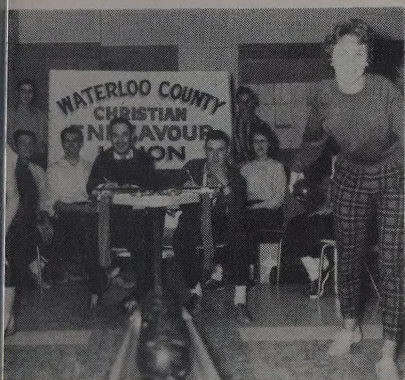
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ARCH J. McQUILKIN (left) of Strafford, Pennsylvania, speaks to leaders during Fellowship Banquet of Executives' Program Council in Columbus, Ohio, November 29-December 2. Photo at right shows Elwood Dunn, general secretary of the Michigan Union and extension representative of International Society, giving a graphic presentation on "Eight Tests Spot Initiative."

sure of. For instance, we invited a doctor who introduced the subject of liquor and tobacco, one of the great problems in Fiji at present. Besides listening to talks we have other sorts of meetings such as having Bible studies, hymn singing, questions and answers, mock trial, forum, and also social afternoons.

"On the first Friday of every month we normally have our Consecration Meeting and this is an important meeting to each individual member."

TEN BOWLING TEAMS from seven churches participate in the league sponsored by Waterloo County (Ontario) Union. An 18-week schedule, followed by playoffs, was set up by Ray Dedman, whose brother Ken has succeeded him as Recreation Superintendent. Some of the teams are (left photo) Roseville Evangelical United Brethren on left, with the Roseville United Brethren Rosebowl; (photo below) Waterloo Emmanuel Evangelical United Brethren team (left) with the Rebels from Roseville United Brethren. Shirley Hallman, union president, is seated at the desk.



Photos by Alice M. Oswald



● CHICAGO CLOSE-UP is still available for use by societies and unions, on a loan basis. This set of over 150 Kodachrome 2 x 2 slides with accompanying script gives a complete visual report of the 1961 International Convention in Chicago. It's a wonderful promotion piece for Washington 1963, and there's no charge, except postage. Schedule these slides through Phyllis I. Rike at Christian Endeavor International.

● PACIFIC REGION Endeavorers are invited to the regional conference Saturday, February 9, 9:30-4:15 P.M., at the Y.W.C.A., 1111 S.W. 10th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Etta V. Berger, vice-president in charge of the Pacific Region, says this will be a profitable day for all state and local union officers and for pastors, counselors, and all others interested in an effective Christian Endeavor program. The schedule includes state union reports, a local union program planning workshop led by Dorothy E. Howes of Oregon, "Questions Young People Ask about the Christian Life" answered by Rev. Robert Hess of California, worship, and fellowship.

● FEBRUARY 2 is the 82nd anniversary of Christian Endeavor. A part of the annual Christian Endeavor Week observance January 27 through February 3, this day will be recognized by societies and unions in North America and around the world. Reports and photos of activities are urgently requested by the editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD for the April issue. Send by February 22.



*Get a good photo?
Put it to work!*

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD invites you to submit your best action photographs taken during Christian Endeavor Week January 27 - February 3 or at related events the first weeks of 1963, for possible publication in the April issue. Include all information about the event, the persons pictured, who took the photos, etc.

The best way to be included is to send all photographs at once.

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Ready - for - YOUTH RESOURCES

Practical Points About Publicity

(Reprinted from a recent issue of
THE AUSTRALIAN ENDEAVOURER)

By Rev. Craig Skinner



Most of us are scared to use publicity. We recognize the business world must advertise and that publicity can be effective in the promotion of many things, but somehow feel that it just doesn't fit in with the promotion of the kingdom of God. The Bible shows us the error of such a conception. The Greek word used in the New Testament for the spread of the Gospel message is *kerysso*, a verb meaning to proclaim, to publish, to announce openly and publicly, to noise abroad. Publicity is just this!

EVANGELISM

Publicity is simply evangelism—for this is making known that we know about Christ and His Gospel. How spectacular Christ was in His proclamation of the message of salvation! A miracle-worker! A restorer of the dead! As Peter said, "A man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs!" Our Lord knew the value of public proclamation of His power through the spectacular publicity which He used from time to time.

So did the Apostles, and even the gentle John presented Christ to his readers in the first chapter of his Gospel as *The Word*, a caption, which to the thinkers of his day, had overtones of philosophical surprise that would startle them into attention.

THE PLAN

Your society could well become the publicity committee for our church. This can be done officially, or you can be the unofficial promoters of the church's program in your own community.

The field is unlimited!—posters, bulletins, a church paper, bulletin boards, roadside signs, mimeographed flyers, local radio and TV programs, news stories in local newspapers, window displays—all of these and many more can tell the story of your church's work and program to those in the church as well as to those outside of Christ and the church.

A PROGRAM

Remember you must have a program to publicize. Whether you are promoting your society or the total program of the church you can only inform, inspire, encourage, promote, and enlist if your facts and events are worth the effort.

Spotlight the essential nature of the church's work in the community, and do nothing that will encourage in the minds of those you are contacting, the creation of an undesirable image of the church. Make your publicity positive, something that gives rather than that which seeks to receive. Your church needs a program of publicity that is systematic, planned, and regular if it is to reach the unchurched and be an effective witness for Christ.

PREPARATION

To shout glibly in print about a meeting and then, at the same time, to offer an unprepared dry-as-dust affair is a sin of misrepresentation, if not plain lying. Planning must be carefully done, each detail should be in place before you start to advertise. A last minute arrangement can seldom be effectively advertised. Weeks, even months are needed for prayerful and thorough preparation and presentation of a program.

Rev. Craig Skinner, the author of this article, has served as president of the Central Tablelands Christian Endeavor Union of Australia and is pastor of a Baptist Church in the Blue Mountains of western New South Wales.

When a business is bought, in addition to the price paid for stock, an amount is paid for good will. This is an indefinable quality but a valuable one. It represents the appeal the business has to the community. Publicity builds good will; even if it provokes no direct reaction, it provides a reserve of interest which will reach the level of action at a later date.

The community ignores the church mostly because it never notices it. If we can make folk aware that we are present and that we have what they need, this will prepare them for contact with us when in need. Advertising is a science that requires years of expert study and knowledge in a wide variety of fields for its effective application; yet within your society there will be someone perhaps with artistic ability, another who is a camera enthusiast, someone else skilled in typing, perhaps a person with the ability to write, and someone else who can run a mimeograph machine.

IDEAS

There are mainly two tools for publicity—Words and Illustrations. Photos, storytelling pictures, pictures cut from magazines will all highlight your bulletin boards and posters amazingly. Visits to the editor of the local newspaper with a prepared story, listing facts and written interestingly from a non-church point of view will work wonders.

In your church bulletin and weekly paper, people love to see their own names in print, delight to read stories about progress and activities in which they have an interest. Strong headings, short paragraphs, and subtitles throughout all combine to maintain interest.

Written matter should always be clear and brief. In general the more illustrations and cuts used, the better the end result. Headlines must be full of action—stories must relate to future plans rather than to past reporting.

All outside publicity should be a friendly invitation to become acquainted rather than a direct evangelistic challenge. A reoccurring mistake is to play up in large letters the name of the visiting speaker who may be completely unknown to the public. The element of better appeal will often be the speaker's subject or his background.

THE BEST PUBLICITY

In the Sydney Billy Graham Crusade of 1959, it was estimated that, for every person brought by the publicity program, three others were brought by friends. Word-of-mouth promotion is still the best ever. Any other publicity is always supplementary to personal salesmanship. If we can get people talking about the facts, we are advertising them.

The members of the early church were everyday evangelists through their contacts—they *gossiped the Gospel*, as one translator paraphrases it, and God blessed their publicity evangelism. A carefully compiled prospect-list of church contacts, people who have expressed an interest in the church as well as those who live in the community, will make a basis for a systematic visitation program for enlistment in attendance at specific meetings.

Your society could sponsor a special *Guest Night* to begin with a sandwich supper, followed by a special program such as a film or guest speaker. Prospects can be visited and followed up by telephone or written invitation. You will be surprised with the results if you tackle such an opportunity with enthusiasm.

The early Christians in Thessalonica knew the value of publicity. The quality of their spiritual life caused the Gospel to be sounded out (I Thessalonians 1:8) right through their community and beyond. If you plan to publicize your church or society, be sure that the outreach of your dedicated life to others will produce a like result.

A Bibliography of Resources for Your Society

A bibliography can look like a very uninteresting resource for YOUTH. And yet it is presented with the desire that it will assist the society as it meets from week to week and more particularly the young people whose responsibility it is to lead the topic. It is always helpful to the leader to have other resource material that he can draw upon as he prepares his topic presentation.

Many societies have access to a church library and some of the books listed in this bibliography may be found in it. If your church doesn't have a library your society through the efforts of the church activity committee might begin one using this bibliography as a starting point. The books may be secured through the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Devotional

<i>Beloved World</i> , by Eugenia Price	\$3.95
<i>Norlie's Simplified New Testament</i>	paper back, \$1.29; cloth 4.95
<i>Pilgrim's Progress</i> , by John Bunyan,	
an illustrated edition for youth	2.00
<i>Christ and the Fine Arts</i> , by Cynthia Pearl Maus	6.95
<i>Listening to God</i> , by Mary L. Miles	1.00
<i>Four Teens</i> , by Dorothy Grunbock Johnston	2.00
<i>Everyday Devotions for Youth</i> , by Walter L. Cook	1.75
<i>A Time Apart</i> , by Virginia Ely	2.50
<i>Mountain Trailways for Youth</i> , by Mrs. Charles Cowman	2.50
<i>Why We Choose Christ</i> , by Clyde W. Meadows	2.50
<i>Youth-Ways to Life</i> , by William H. Foulkes	1.00
<i>The Living Bible</i> , by Amos R. Wells	2.00
<i>Teach Me to Pray</i> , by James DeForest Murch	2.50
<i>A Pocket Guide to Prayer for Youth</i> , by Carol Ferntheil	.50
<i>Jesus Says to You</i> , by Daniel A. Poling	2.95
<i>Great Hymns and Their Stories</i> ,	
by W. J. Limmer Sheppard	1.50
<i>Popular Hymn Stories</i> , compiled by Don Sanford	1.50

Missionary and Biography

<i>Jungle Doctor's Tug-of-War</i> , and other	
Jungle Doctor books, by Paul White	each 1.25 or 1.50
<i>Man Eaters Don't Knock</i> , and other	
Missionary Adventure series, by Charles Ludwig	each 1.25
<i>Fifty Missionary Heroes Every Boy and</i>	
<i>Girl Should Know</i> , by Julia H. Johnston	2.75
<i>Medical Missionaries You Would Like to Know</i> ,	
by Dorothy C. Haskin	1.00
<i>Ten Boys Who Became Famous Missionaries</i> ,	
by Basil Miller	1.00
<i>Ten Boys of the Bible Who Became Famous</i>	
by Basil Miller	1.00
<i>Ten Girls of the Bible Who Became Famous</i> ,	
by Basil Miller	1.00
<i>Ten Singers Who Became Famous</i> , by Basil Miller	1.00
<i>Ten Handicapped Boys and Girls Who Became Famous</i> ,	
by Basil Miller	1.00

Youth Cartoons and Fiction

<i>Young Pillars (cartoons)</i> , by Charles Schulz	1.00
<i>Cartoons for Youth</i> , by Roy Wolfe	1.00
<i>Danny Orlis, series</i> by Bernard Palmer	each .39
<i>Girl "Sherlock Holmes," series</i> by Bernard Palmer	each .39

Counselors and Teens

<i>Understanding and Guiding Teen-agers</i> ,	
by Clyde M. Narramore	.50
<i>Christian Nurture of Youth</i> ,	
by Ada Brunk and Ethel Metzler	3.00
<i>Psychology of Counseling</i> , by Clyde M. Narramore	3.90
<i>Guiding Teen-agers</i> , by Donald E. Hall	1.00
<i>Idea Book for Youth Leaders</i> , by Ellis Mooney	1.00
<i>The ABC's of Successful Programs</i> , by Gene French	1.00
<i>Evangelism for Teen-agers</i> , by Howard W. Ellis	1.00
<i>Now That I Believe</i> , by	
Robert A. Cook	paperback, .39; cloth 2.20
<i>Just Between Us</i> , by Robert A. Cook	1.00
<i>Questions Youth Ask</i> , by Donald E. Demaray	paperback 1.00
<i>Everyday Questions Teen-agers Ask</i> , by Mel Johnson	.30
<i>Never A Dull Moment</i> , by	
Eugenia Price	paperback, \$1.00; cloth 1.90
<i>Young Only Once</i> , by	
Clyde M. Narramore	paperback, 1.95; cloth 2.90
<i>It's Tough To Be A Teen-ager</i> , by Robert A. Cook	1.00
<i>Life and Love</i> , by	
Clyde M. Narramore	paperback, 1.95; cloth 2.90
<i>It's Your Business, Teen-ager</i> , by Margaret Anderson	2.00
<i>Growing Steady</i> , by Verna Joiner	1.00
<i>Just for Early Teens</i> , by Dorothy C. Haskin	1.00
<i>For Teen-agers Only</i> , by Mel Larson	.50
<i>Billy Graham Talks to Teen-agers</i> ,	
by Billy Graham	paperback 1.00
<i>Just for Fellows</i> , by Howard Clark	paperback 1.00
<i>Just for Girls</i> , by Dorothy Haskin	paperback 1.00
<i>Living with Parents</i> , by Grace Sloan Overton	1.75
<i>Ten Steps to Leadership</i> , by J. Vernon Jacobs	2.20
<i>The Heart of a Champion</i> , by Bob Richards	3.00
<i>Tales for Teens, Heroes of the Christian Faith</i> ,	
by Faith Coxie Bailey	.30

Vocations

<i>How to Know the Will of God</i> , and other youth series,	
by William Orr	each .30
<i>You Have A Talent</i> , by	
Faith Coxie Bailey	paperback, \$1.00; cloth 2.00
<i>How I Found God's Will for My Life</i> ,	
by John Sigsworth	1.00
<i>Youth's Talent for Christ</i> , by R. L. Middleton	1.00

Recreation

<i>Games for All Occasions</i> , by Ken Anderson and	
Morry Carlson	1.90
<i>Ideas for Young People's Parties</i> ,	
by Doris Anderson and Morry Carlson	.70
<i>Handbook of Bible Games</i> , by Vernon Howard	1.50
<i>Good Times for God's People</i> , by Marion Leach Jacobsen	3.90
<i>Fun and Festival from Southeast Asia</i> , by Constance M.	
Hallock, and other	
Fun and Festival series,	paperback, each .70
<i>Abingdon Party Parade</i> , by Bernice Hogan	2.50

Topics

FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Motto

Always for the Church

Romans 12:4-21



Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Song Service
 Scripture Lesson: Romans 12
 Prayer Hymn: *My Faith Looks up to Thee*
 Sentence Prayers: (urge each one to participate)
 Offering and Announcements
 Duets or Quartet: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
 Leader's Introduction
 The Topic
 Question Time
 Closing Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*
 Mizpah Benediction

Publicity

A poster with pictures of church buildings cut from magazines can be used to illustrate this topic. To give some life to it place a picture of a group of people in the center, giving the impression that the church is not merely a building.

Particularly if you use sections II or III of the Topic Discussion, see that every group in your church knows about the meeting. Your Senior or Adult Christian Endeavor Society might be interested in joining with you for this meeting. Invite them far enough ahead so that they will be able to plan accordingly.

For the Leader

This is the second and final topic of the Unit on the Christian Endeavor motto, "For Christ and the Church." Christian Endeavor through the years has added to the spiritual life of the churches where it has been used properly. If this is not the case in your church, it is your responsibility to make it so. If your Junior Highs are active and busy in the overall work of the church—fine!—but we can all improve in most areas, and especially where spirituality is concerned.

If you have a Church Activity Committee in your society, the members of this committee should be used in the meeting. They should be prepared to discuss fully the projects introduced at the conclusion of the topic discussion, and should be willing to spearhead these projects, being personally responsible for making them successful.

There are three topic development plans here. Perhaps you can use all three if you budget your time. If you use only one of the first two, you will have to enlarge upon the subject matter, which you can easily do by consulting the resource material mentioned.

For the Counselor

If the young people choose to ask a representative from each church organization to speak at this meeting, you can help to encourage the adult leaders to cooperate.

Christian Endeavor has served through the years as a training ground for Christian leaders. If your church has been fortunate enough to have had active societies for a number of years there should be former endeavorers making up part of your governing board. In any event, these leaders should welcome the opportunity to speak to the Juniors Highs and to suggest ways in which they might contribute to the total program of your church.

Programming

PLEDGE: Use The Christian Endeavor Pledge again this week, since the practice of our motto is contained in The Pledge. You might take time to point out the phrase dealing with the church.

SCRIPTURE: Try to obtain the use of an Amplified New Testament and read the entire 12th chapter of Romans from this.

SONGS: (from *Christian Endeavor Songs*)

"For Christ and the Church"
 "The Church's One Foundation"
 "Faith of Our Fathers"

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"
 Duets or Quartet, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Resource Materials

Church of our Fathers,
 Roland H. Bainton (Scribners)
A History of the Christian Church,
 Williston Walker (Scribners)
The Story of the Church,
 Walter Russell Bowie (Abingdon)
Fire Upon the Earth (film)
The Kindled Flame (film)
The Living Lord (filmstrip)
Living Word (filmstrip)

Write to your denominational headquarters for visual-aids on your denomination's

beginnings and growth. Check with your pastor for suggestions and help on this.

Make use of your pastor's library as well as the public library. He might have a good church history book to suggest as well as those we have mentioned here.

Introducing the Topic

Last week we discussed the first part of the Christian Endeavor motto. This week's topic completes our Unit on the motto. Since the Church represents Christ in the world today it is necessary that we recognize when we accept Christ as our Saviour that we are obliged to serve Him through His Church. God's Word tells us that the Church is the bride of Christ (read II Corinthians 11:2 and Revelation 21:2), and Christ is the Head of the Church (read Ephesians 5:23 and Colossians 1:18).

Developing the Topic

Plan I — The Church Universal

The word "church" comes from the Greek word "ecclesia" and this word may be translated "assembly." Literally, this means, "a called-out group."

Every Christian should study Church History to some extent, for we would never realize what a great heritage we have if we did not know something about all that has gone on before. Whenever we enter a beautiful church building or attend a worship service we should recall some of the facts surrounding those who have been martyred. We should want to know of the faith and courage of the great leaders and reformers who were willing to live—or to die—for their convictions. Without them the Christian faith would not have survived.

Church History can fall into three eras or ages. We shall speak briefly of each era, mentioning some outstanding lead-

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ers in each. (You will want to look further into the resource materials which will help you to prepare a more complete topic.)

1. The Ancient Era (Pentecost to 590 AD)

The Holy Spirit came to 120 believers on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 1:8 and Acts 2). This Apostolic Church grew very rapidly, beginning in Jerusalem where Peter preached, to Antioch in Syria, the center of the missionary activity headed by Paul, to Ephesus where John established a stronghold for the survival of the Church. In the second century the great persecutions began and untold numbers of Christians were exterminated by order of the Roman emperors. This caused the Church of Jesus Christ to flourish because of the faith and true witness of those willing to die for their Lord.

In the 4th century the persecutions stopped when some emperors became friendly to the Christians. In 590, Gregory the Great was elected Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. He was the first of the men supreme in the papacy. Thus the hierarchical system of government (absolute government by the clergy according to rank) developed.

Suggestions for extra reports:

- (a) *How the apostles died*
- (b) *The Martyrdom of Stephen*
- (c) *Clement of Alexandria, Athanasius, Augustine*

2. The Medieval Era (590-1517)

This era saw the spread of Roman Catholicism, the rise of Mohammedanism or Islam, and the Crusades (Holy Wars). The Roman Catholic Church instituted the Inquisition and the Interdict (the act of preventing persons or nations from participating in Church rites). Complaints against this Church arose and men like John Wycliffe (English), John Huss (Bohemian), and Jerome Savanarola (Italian) began to introduce reforms. Martin Luther formally started the Protestant Reformation in 1517 when he nailed his 95 *Theses* (points of argument) to the Castle Church door at Wittenberg, Germany.

Suggestions for extra reports:

- (a) *The Inquisition*
- (b) *Text Martin Luther used (Romans 1:17) and why he used it*
- (c) *Huss, Savanarola*

3. Era of Reformers (1517—present)

This era brought into being all the major protestant denominations we know today and also great reforms in the Ro-

man Catholic Church. John Calvin and the Wesleys were outstanding in the Reformation, but many great men from many different countries contributed to the growth of Protestantism.

Suggestions for extra reports:

- (a) *Puritanism and the work of Joseph Alleine*
- (b) *Pietism*
- (c) *Origin of the word "Protestant"*

Plan II — Our Denomination

This may be done in two ways. First you can ask your pastor to speak on the founding, growth, leadership and doctrine of your denomination or fellowship. Second, you can make an appointment with him and ask the following questions, the answers of which will serve for a basis of a talk that you can prepare and present yourself.

1. When did our denomination begin?
2. Where did our denomination begin?
3. What leaders were responsible for bringing our denomination into being?
4. What particular gifts did these leaders possess?
5. Why did these leaders feel a new denomination was needed?
6. How fast did this denomination grow? What is its present membership?
7. Who is the ruling head of our denomination? (such as bishop, synod, etc.)
8. What are the basic doctrines of our denomination?
9. How does our denomination differ in doctrine and practice from other protestant denominations?
10. What does our denomination do in regards to spreading the Gospel?

Plan III — Our Local Church

Again consult your pastor and enlist his help in preparing a brief history of your local congregation. This should include things such as: founding, early leadership, other buildings worshipped in, lay leadership, former pastors and what they contributed to the work, statistics of growth through the years.

Invite a leader from each organization such as the missionary society, Sunday school, men's and women's groups, choirs, etc., to speak briefly regarding the goals of that particular organization and the part young people can play in the program of that organization. Ask for suggested projects that your group could do to aid in the program and progress of these organizations.

Suggested Projects

The following list is given to get you started thinking. These suggestions might not fit into your church needs, but you must think of some things that would be of help in your own church.

1. Volunteer to help the pastor or church secretary with mailings, both addressing and stuffing envelopes.
2. Inaugurate a system of visiting shut-ins in your congregation. The young people could work in teams of two each and visit the shut-in list regularly, alternating so that each shut-in has one team visit per week. Present a program of devotions and singing for each shut-in at least once every six months with your entire society visiting. (If your society is too large for a home visit, cut the number down.)
3. Help welcome visitors to your church. Have several young people on duty each worship service. Instruct them as to what to say, and how to approach the newcomers.
4. Incorporate a system of delivering flyers announcing events in your church. A flyer personally handed to your church members at their own door will do much to boost attendance at special events. Volunteer to contact people by telephone when a meeting or service needs advertising.
5. Open a baby-sitting service for the families of your church. This may be done "gratis" as a Christian service, or it may be done with a small fee which would be turned over to your society for a special purpose, such as missions or sending delegates to the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention, July 2-6, 1963, in Washington, D.C.
6. Be assistant janitors by making your members responsible at specific times for putting away hymn books, straightening chairs, turning off lights, etc., after services.

Daily Bible Readings

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| M. Feb. 25 | The Church Foretold | Isaiah 62:1 |
| T. Feb. 26 | The Church Prays | Acts 4:23-31 |
| W. Feb. 27 | A Message to the Elders | Acts 20:17-31 |
| T. Feb. 28 | Charity toward the Church | III John 1-14 |
| F. Mar. 1 | A Church Commended | Revelation 2:8-11 |
| S. Mar. 2 | A Church Has Opportunity | Revelation 3:7-11 |
| Sun. Mar. 3 | Topic: Always for the Church
Romans 12:4-8 | |

Comments by Mrs. Richard Cattermole, counselor for the young people's society at Faith Evangelical Church, Temple, Pennsylvania, where her husband is minister

Let's Go to Church!

Hebrews 10:19-25



Our Aims

1. To help Junior Highs see the importance of establishing regular habits of church attendance.
2. To help them to appreciate their need of the church, and why the church needs them.
3. To evaluate the benefits received from each portion of the worship service.

For the Leader

Take time to prayerfully consider the aims of this meeting. Study the Scripture and the *Daily Bible Reading* references. Be sure to assign the Scripture lesson well in advance, so the young person reading it can study the helps given on this page. Ask those who have special assignments to meet early for the Pre-Prayer Service.

Isn't it a happy thought that Junior Highs across North America are discussing the importance of church attendance for the next two Sundays?

For the Counselor

The topics for the first three Sundays in March are closely related. You should meet with the leaders of the March 10th and March 17th topics, and plan carefully with them to be certain that all important points are developed with no overlapping. These two topics are vital, and should bear fruit in the individual lives of the members of the group, and in the life of the society.

Check with the leader near the end of the week to see that all the details are carried out. If advisable, be prepared to summarize the main points of the topic.

Comments on the Scripture

VERSE 19: Under the old covenant which God made with the children of Israel, the blood of two goats was required as an atonement for sin. Once a year the high priest entered into the Holy of Holies, on the day of atonement, and made a sin-offering for all of the people. This offering had to be made year after year.

Under the new covenant we have complete atonement for our sins by the shedding of Christ's blood for us on the cross. This atonement was made once for all, and is for all who will accept Him. Through the blood of Jesus, we ourselves may enter into the Holy of Holies, into the very presence of God.

VERSES 20 AND 21: The ark of the covenant was kept in the Holy of Holies, and was separated from the rest of the sanctuary by a veil or heavy curtain. The ark of the covenant symbolized the presence of God, and the veil separated the people from God. When Christ was crucified, the veil in the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom, taking away the barrier between God and man. We no longer need a high priest to offer the sacrifice for the atonement of our sins. Jesus Christ is our High Priest, and has entered heaven and is seated on the right hand of God, making intercession for us.

VERSE 22: Because of Christ's sacrifice for us, we are privileged to draw near with a true heart, with a full assurance of faith. Jesus said that no one comes to the Father but by Him.

VERSE 23: The Book of Hebrews is full of warnings. It is so easy for us to grow cold in our love, and not always put first things first in our lives. The writer knew we would have this temptation, so he warns us to remain true to the profession of our faith.

VERSE 24: This verse encourages us to genuine Christian living.

VERSE 25: This verse gives us another warning. God knew that we would need a regular day set aside for worship so

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Introduction: *Faith of our Fathers*

Call to Worship: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1

Response: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name. Psalm 100:4

Leader's Introduction

Prayer: (Thank God for the church, for the message of salvation which it gives to people everywhere, and for faithful leaders, preachers, and teachers. Ask God to give us a new appreciation for our need of the church and for the importance of establishing habits of regular attendance now in our youth.)

Hymns: *I am Happy in the Service of the King; The Church's One Foundation; For Christ and the Church*

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

Leader's Talk

General Discussion and Questions

Hymn Story and Hymn: *Faith of our Fathers*

Summary by Counselor

Prayer Hymn: *Open Mine Eyes*

Sentence Prayers: (Remember the minister and the evening service.)

Closing Hymn: *We Choose Christ*

Benediction

For Publicity

Put a catchy announcement in the church bulletin. Print an invitation to the meeting on small churches cut out of colored construction paper to be handed out to all members of the Junior High Department on Sunday morning, and to be sent through the mail to anyone who may have been absent more than one Sunday.

For a poster, draw or paste a large picture of a church near left center, with a suitable title such as: *Let's Go to Church!* Below the picture give details such as date, time, place, and name of leader.

The poster will have more appeal if you also use pictures of young people, or make and dress wire people attaching them to the poster.

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our love for Him would not grow cold. One purpose of our meeting together is to encourage one another to continue steadfast in our Christian living.

Leader's Talk

From almost the very beginning, the motto of Christian Endeavor has been *For Christ and the Church*. Christian Endeavor is an organization *in* the church, but it does not take the place of the church. Dr. Francis E. Clark, the founder of our great movement, used to say, "Young people, if you have to choose between attending Christian Endeavor or attending church, by all means attend the church service." Is it really a Christian Endeavor society if the members leave before the evening service?

One of the four basic principles of Christian Endeavor is *Loyalty to Christ's Church*. Someone has said that we witness for Christ all of the way from our front doors to the church every time we go to a service. How is this true? Why is being habitually absent, for the slightest excuse, using our silent influence *against* Christ?

One of the phrases of our Christian Endeavor pledge deals with supporting the church in its work and worship. It is just as important for us to have a church home where we go regularly for worship, for spiritual food, for fellowship with other Christians—old and young—as it is for us to experience the security of home with all its material provisions, and the feeling of belonging which fellowship with other members of our families gives to us.

My *own church* offers me a place to serve Christ. Someone has said that a congregation should not be a field where the minister has to spend his energies, but should be a force *with* the minister to take the field for Christ. Can we invite our friends who do not know Christ to go to church with us if we ourselves go here one Sunday and there another? What value is there for young Christians to become acquainted with older Christians in a church family? Does it help to know that others are expecting us to be loyal and true to Christ?

One boy worked out the following plan in order that he might receive more blessing from his attendance at the church services:

Questions for Discussion

1. Why do we need the church? What help do we get at church that we can get no other place?
2. If the church were merely a human organization, instead of being a divine institution, why would it have died long ago?
3. Give some observations to show that church membership is taken too lightly today.
4. Why was the church started? Who was the founder?
5. Why is it as important for us to grow in the Christian life as it is for us to become Christians? Can we do this without the church? Why not?

1. Get to bed early enough on Saturday night that I will not feel sleepy on Sunday morning.

2. Sing all of the hymns and think of their meaning.

3. Pray with the minister as he leads in the morning or evening prayers.

4. Give the minister a chance by listening at least for the first ten minutes.

5. If you like the sermon, tell the minister.

Every part of the service, from the opening song to the benediction, has a purpose. Everyone needs the experience of worship, which consists of not only praising God in song and prayer, but of listening to God to find out what His will is for our lives. The reading of the Scripture is God speaking to us, and while it is being read we should be prayerfully attentive. It is a very helpful practice to open your own Bible and follow along as the Scripture is being read.

The singing of songs, reading of Scripture, repeating prayers, and listening to sermons is all meaningless unless we *do* something about it all. Remember that Jesus asked, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Hymn Story

Faith of our Fathers was written during the great period of persecution when even attending church services was punished by imprisonment. The song came out of a period of great struggle in the life of the author.

The hymn tells of hardships and victories. It reminds us that the faith which we now possess did not come down to us without a price which was paid for by those who remained true and steadfast to the truth—even unto death in some cases. What do you think we would do if we had to face such persecution today?

Illustrations

John Wanamaker was once asked why he went to church. He replied, "Why do you not ask me why I eat or sleep, because I find it just as necessary for my well-being as the other."

A minister was calling on a member of his congregation who had been absent for several Sundays. To illustrate the need for every Christian to meet for worship and fellowship, the minister quietly went to the fireplace and, with tongs, took out one coal and set it aside, apart from the bed of coals. As the lone coal slowly died out the man upon whom the minister was calling said, "I see your point. I'll be in church next Sunday."

One girl said: "Sunday is like a Christian service camp. It is like a retreat from all trouble. I return refreshed and strengthened for the week ahead."

Some people seem to have a fresh struggle with the question every Sunday—"Shall I, shall I not, go to church today?" When Jesus was a boy of twelve, His mother and Joseph found Him in the temple. When He was grown He did not debate the question of regular attendance, for we read, He entered, as His custom was, into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. Do our friends know better than to ask us to do other things on the Lord's Day? Why can we have a standing date with the Lord every Sunday morning and night?

Daily Bible Readings

- M. Mar. 4 The Courts of the Lord Psalm 84:1
T. Mar. 5 A Good Day Psalm 84:10
W. Mar. 6 Sing His Praises Psalm 92:1
T. Mar. 7 "Praise Ye the Lord" Psalm 151
F. Mar. 8 In His Father's House Luke 2:42
S. Mar. 9 "As His Custom Was" Luke 4:16
Sun. Mar. 10—Topic: Let's Go to Church! Hebrews 10:19

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb, wife of a retired Christian Church minister and teacher at a Christian day school in California

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.

What's My Attendance Rating?

Acts 2:41-47



Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service: (Following the Pre-Prayer Service gather informally around the piano and sing several choruses. Have a short prayer, thanking God for His Church, and for Christian Endeavor where we may meet together to sing His praises and learn to serve Him better.)

Hymns: 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus;
I Need Jesus

Leader's Introduction

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:41-47

Prayer by Lookout chairman

Announcements and Offering

Talks on the Topic

Questions and Discussion

Solo: *Living for Jesus*

Remarks by Counselor

Mark check-sheets

Sentence Prayers: (Remember your minister and the evening service.)

Closing Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Benediction

Publicity

Make a poster with many various-sized and colored question marks with the question, **WHAT'S MY ATTENDANCE RATING?** in large letters across the poster. Underneath, print the sentence, *CH UR isn't spelled right unless UR in it!*

On Sunday morning hand out, in the Junior High department, large sized question marks cut from cardboard or heavy construction paper. Print the same question on them as on the poster. Tie the dot of the question mark on with a piece of thread. On one side of the dot print *Christian Endeavor tonight*, and on the other side *Stay for Church*. See that an announcement of this meeting is in your church bulletin.

To the Counselor and Leader

The church, in the main, has two functions, and both are very important: 1. to preach the message of salvation to those who have not accepted Christ as their Saviour, and 2. to inspire and train those who have accepted Him to *grow* in their Christian lives. We must be concerned for the associate members, and prayerfully do

Our Aims

1. To see that irregular church attendance can affect the spiritual life.
2. To promote 100 per cent society attendance at the various church activities during the coming months.

all in our power to bring them to a saving knowledge of Christ; likewise, we must have a real concern that the Junior Highs who have accepted Christ have constant challenges and opportunities to *grow* in Christ.

This topic and last Sunday's topic are two in a unit on the importance of church attendance. This meeting should give each Junior High an opportunity to see where he stands, attendance-wise—and more than that—it should help each one to see where he stands in relation to Christ and His church.

Prepare check-sheets to give out near the close of the meeting so each one may keep his own record from now until Easter. Meetings to be put on the list will depend upon your local church program, but they might include Bible school, morning worship, Christian Endeavor, evening service, midweek service, committee meetings, and business meetings. Members may be listed as Superior, Excellent, High Honor, Honorable Mention, and Average according to their attendance rating. Urge 100% attendance in all the various activities of the church from now until Easter.

Members may keep their attendance sheets in their Bibles as reminders.

Comments on the Scripture

The earliest Christians were certainly faithful in attendance at worship. In the 42nd verse we are told that worship consisted of four elements: 1. Apostles' doctrine (or teaching), 2. fellowship, 3. breaking of bread, and 4. prayers. In the last verse of our lesson, we read that they were praising God. This certainly is a necessary part of true worship.

We all need *instruction*. We need to know what the Bible teaches. We need to know what we believe and why. In I Peter 3:15, Peter is writing to new Christians and he urges them to be ready to always give an answer to every

man that asks about the hopeful faith that you have.

Fellowship suggests "togetherness." Meeting together with others of like mind and purpose gives us strength and courage to continue to live for Christ. Think of the hundreds of thousands of groups—large and small—who meet to worship in countries everywhere! Why do we love to go to Christian Endeavor rallies, state conventions, and summer conferences? The fellowship that we find there is like to that above!

The Breaking of Bread, or the Communion Service is the symbol of the sacrifice which Christ made when He died on the cross for the salvation of the world. He knew we would need to be reminded often of His love. Although this service is celebrated in different ways in different churches, it is one of the elements of worship that ties Christians everywhere together.

Prayer is drawing nigh to God. Jesus was giving some important elements for prayer. In the prayer that He taught His disciples, He said to praise God; to ask for the extending of His kingdom; for His will to be done on the earth; for our daily needs; for forgiveness of our sins; that we may be delivered from evil. If we really mean the words when we pray, our lives can't help being more Christ-like. Prayer helps us to keep in the center of God's will. It helps us to find His will for our lives. It is a vital part of worship.

Someone has said that people who do not pray at church are not likely to have very effective prayer lives at home.

Leader's Introduction

This meeting is a type of inventory meeting where we turn the spotlight on ourselves and see ourselves as we really

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are — attendance-wise — in relation to Christ and His Church—We want to think together about why it is important to attend church regularly, to check our own records, and to set some goals for our society to reach in all the services of our church.

Illustrations

A famous orchestra leader was having a rehearsal with a vast array of singers and players. As the sound of the instruments and voices rang out, one man who played the piccolo away up in the corner, ceased to play. He thought that his instrument would not be missed. Suddenly the conductor threw up his hands, and all was still. Then he shouted, "Where is the piccolo?" The quick ear of the master had missed it, and the chorus was not right without it.

God knows every time a Christian fails to do his part, and no one else can do the job that He has cut out for you.

We all feel sad when we see a child who has not grown physically as he should, or if his body has grown and his mind has not. Jesus said, "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly." How the heart of God must yearn for His children who are living sub-normal lives, spiritually. God wants us to have the best, the happiest, the most worthwhile lives possible, and we cheat ourselves when we fail to receive all that He has for us.

"Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you." Someone has truly said, "If you don't feel as close to God as you used to, I can guess who moved." Many of the promises of God are conditional. God never fails to do His part, but many times we must first do our part before we receive the blessing.

A French statesman came to America to find out why this is such a great country. After visiting our great business and industrial centers, our educational centers, and our military posts, he went back to France and reported that it was none of these, but rather, America's churches that made her great.

On the front page of a great daily newspaper a couple of months ago there appeared the picture of President Kennedy, who was on vacation in southern California, as he was leaving church. We should be glad that our president feels the need in his own life to worship God even when away from home for a few day's rest.

Real Life Situations

George had always wanted to take an airplane ride. One Saturday night he was working on the Bible school lesson he was going to teach a group of Junior High boys the next morning. He had just gotten up from his knees where he had been talking with God about his class, asking that God would use His life to influence the boys to

Questions for Discussion

1. If every church member were just like me, what kind of a church would my church be?
2. What would your town or city be like without the influence of the church?
3. A national Sunday school paper each year sponsors a "52 Club", and at the end of each year publishes pages of names and pictures of people who have not missed Bible school for from one to twenty-five or even more years. What effect do you think such attendance records have on the lives of those who attain them?
4. What are some of our poor excuses for irregular attendance?
5. There is an old saying that a chain is as strong as its weakest link. How might this principle apply to our Christian Endeavor society and our church?
6. Why is it important to attend church regularly?
7. How would the slogan, "Every member on a committee, and every committee on the job" help promote regular attendance?

give their lives to Christ. There was a knock at the door and a friend invited him to take a short trip with him in his airplane the next morning. George was thrilled—how he had longed for such an opportunity—until he thought of his class, and of the prayer he had just uttered.

George told his friend that he was sorry, but that he would have to wait until another time, for he had a previous engagement with his boys at Bible School. George's friend thought that he was foolish to let such an opportunity pass by "just for a Bible School class," but George was happy in his decision. What do you think was his attendance rating?

Harriet was a member of the church, and attended Bible school and Christian Endeavor. A new boy named Tom had moved to town and was elected a junior deacon in the church. On the night of the installation service, Tom asked Harriet to "ditch" church and go to a movie with him. Harriet had never gone to a movie on Sunday, but she liked Tom, and rather than displease him, she went.

Tom was the only junior deacon to miss the impressive installation service, which should have meant much to him. To whom was Harriet more loyal—to Christ, or to Tom? What was her attendance rating?

For the Lookout Committee

If the lookout committee keeps the attendance records regularly, prepare individual sheet for each member with his record since the first of the year.

Set a goal for attendance, especially for Bible School, morning worship, Christian Endeavor, evening service, and mid-week service. Encourage the Junior Highs to work for perfect attendance as many services as possible from now until Easter, and then to continue after Easter.

Follow up all absentees each week with telephone and personal calls. Offer to pick them up and take them home after the services.

Pray that many Junior Highs will make their decision for Christ during this pre-Easter season.

Closing Consecration

It might be more meaningful to have a special consecration service in connection with the beginning of your goal of 100 per cent attendance at the various meetings of the church.

The emphasis should be on the third basic principle of Christian Endeavor: *Loyalty to Christ's Church*. Write the word *Loyalty* vertically on the chalkboard. Ask for Scripture verses beginning with each letter. The verses should represent in some way why loyalty is important. For example:

- Look unto me..... Isaiah 45:22
Open thy mouth..... Psalm 81:10
Ye are not your own..... I Corinthians 6:19
Arise, therefore..... I Chronicles 22:16
Let your light..... Matthew 5:16
Take my yoke..... Matthew 11:29
Ye are the light..... Matthew 5:14

Conclude by providing an opportunity for those who have never signed the Christian Endeavor Pledge to do so.

Daily Bible Readings

- M. Mar. 11 Someone Is Missing I Samuel 16:10-13
T. Mar. 12 Faithfulness Pays Matthew 25:14-34
W. Mar. 13 Poor Excuses Luke 14:16-24
T. Mar. 14 A Glorious Lord's Day Luke 24:1-48
F. Mar. 15 An Absentee John 20:24, 26-29
S. Mar. 16 The Absentee Now Present John 20:26-29
Sun. Mar. 17—Topic: What's My Attendance Rating? Acts 2:41-47

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb, wife of a retired Christian Church minister and teacher in a Christian day school in California

Topic 1 in a Unit: Understanding God

"In the Beginning God"

Genesis 1:1,31; Hebrews 11:3



Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Prelude
 Hymn: *This Is My Father's World*
 Prayer
 Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1, 31; Hebrews 11:3; Matthew 6:24-34
 What Do You Think of God?
 A Recording: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*, sung by Marian Anderson
 You Are There
 Skit
 Buzz Groups
 Sentence Prayers
 Closing Hymn: *O Worship the King*
 Benediction

Publicity

For a poster or individual postcard announcements, you might use the following idea. Draw or paste a picture of the earth or other planets from outer space on the poster or card. Write, at different angles, a few of the questions listed under *What Do You Think of God?* Include the date, time and place of your meeting.

For the Leader

Prayerful, early, and thorough preparation are keys to every successful Christian Endeavor meeting. Leaders who prepare prayerfully, early, and thoroughly are the ones who are at ease during the meeting and who find this responsibility a joy rather than a burden.

When you prepare this way, then you are also in a good position to ask and to encourage others who take part in the program to do the same kind of preparation.

Write the question for, *What Do You Think of God?*, on a chalkboard or large poster, or make up individual copies of them. Provide pencils for the group if you make individual copies. If the questions are on a poster or chalkboard, provide paper and pencils.

Also supply the secretary of each buzz group with paper and a pencil.

In consultation with your counselor, select the persons to take part in *You Are There* and the skit. Arrange for a practice time for each group and be there when they practice. Along with the devotional committee, help them secure props and set the stage.

For the Counselor

Carefully think through the program and the preparation for it, noting any areas where the leader or committees might need your help and encouragement.

Pray especially for the leader and those who will take part. Be generous with your encouragement for them; but go sparingly in doing things for them. Don't do for them what they are able to do for themselves.

In supporting your answers to the questions about God, you may find these books helpful: *Never a Dull Moment* by Eugenia Price (chapter one), (Zondervan); *It's Your Business, Teen-ager* by Margaret Anderson (chapter five), (Moody Press); *Make Your Life a Miracle* by Ken Anderson (chapter five), (Zondervan); *Teen-ager, Christ Is for You* by Walter Riess (Concordia). If these books are not in your library or the church library, why don't you see about getting them. Your young people will find them very helpful.

Another resource for your part in this program might be the section on God in the church membership literature that is used with your young people.

Don't make light of any of the questions; while some may seem trivial or absurd to you, they might be real problems to some of your young people.

Together with your pastor or another adult, divide the questions, each of you selecting the questions he can answer best. Be sure to prepare satisfactory answers beforehand.

Along with the leader, select the persons to take part in *You Are There* and the skit. Be on hand when these two groups practice and give them any necessary assistance.

Note carefully the answers given by the buzz groups. These answers should help you in guiding your young people in their understanding of God.

What Do You Think of God?

(Have each person write "yes," "no" or some other brief answer to each of the following questions. You may wish

to invite members to submit their questions about God some time previous to this meeting and use those in place of or in addition to these.)

1. Did God create the heaven and the earth and all that is in them?
2. Do you believe that God really made everything out of nothing?
3. Where is God now? Is He off somewhere taking a long vacation?
4. Can you know for certain that God really exists?
5. Does reading the Bible help you to understand and to trust God?
6. Do you think it's possible that God is three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and yet is one God?
7. Are there any other gods or powers equal to God?
8. Did Jesus Christ show the world what God is like?
9. Does any religion make the claims that Christianity does? For example, that there is life after death? That we can be forgiven now and know that we have eternal life?
10. Do you think that God is in control of the world now?
11. Will God someday reward all good and punish all evil?
12. Is He stronger than the Communists?
13. Is God interested in your life now?
14. Should young people be serious about God? Or is He just for little children and old people?
15. Would you prefer it if God forgot about you until you were older?

(Suggest that those who finish before the others of the group, consider the reasons for their answers.)

When all have finished writing their answers, the counselor and pastor will give the answers and their reasons for each answer.

The counselor and pastor might read or tell the following Bible verses in connection with their answers. Or they might have them read by the young people in the group.

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1. Genesis 1:1,3,7-21,25-27; Nehemiah 9:6; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16.
2. Hebrews 11:3.
3. Psalm 121; 125:2; 139:1-10; John 14:16,17; Hebrews 7:25; James 1:17.
4. John 20:30,31; I John 2:3, 5:10.
5. Romans 10:17; Psalm 119:130.
6. Genesis 1:26 ("us"); Isaiah 44:6; John 1:1-3,4:4,10:30; Mark 12:29.
7. Psalm 96:4,5; I Corinthians 8:4.
8. John 14:9.
10. Psalm 97:1; II Chronicles 20:6.
11. Revelation 22:12.
12. Matthew 19:26; I Corinthians 1:25; Daniel 4:37,5:18-21.
13. Matthew 6:30; I Peter 5:7.
14. Ecclesiastes 12:1.

You Are There

By the use of a light, a chalk drawing or a large picture and narration, make it seem as though you are there on the scene when God performs His work of creation.

The narrator should be certain to read slowly enough and loudly enough to be understood, and with expression and feeling.

To begin, have all lights out. Chalk artist and narrator take their places. The narrator should not be seen by the rest of the group.

While the artist draws (or completes what was previously put on very lightly in order to take less time during the meeting) the narrator reads Genesis 1:1-27,31.

When the narrator reads, "Let there be light," have a light shine on the paper on which the artist will draw. As the narrator reads on, the chalk artist draws. The narrator will probably need to pause while the artist finishes each part of the drawing.

Note: If a large picture is used in place of a chalk drawing, shine the light on the part about which the narrator is reading.

If you do not have anyone available with artistic ability then try using a flannelgraph.

A Skit

(Two Junior High young people, carrying school books and with coats on, walk onto the stage, a living room scene. As they appear, the one with drooping shoulders and a down-hearted look on his face speaks first.)

Committee Activities

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Encourage each committee chairman to meet with his or her committee to consider carrying out the following suggested activities. . . . If a Moody science film is used at this meeting, arrange for the payment of the film rental.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: A film from the Moody series on science might be shown. Check with your counselor and the leader of this meeting to decide whether you will use a Moody science film. Be certain to allow sufficient time for ordering and receiving the film. For a catalog with complete Moody films information, write to Moody Institute of Science, 11428 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles 25, California. . . . If a film is shown, see that the projector and screen are set up ahead of time. . . . If *You Are There* is included in the program, help the leader and those who take part in it to carry it out. . . . Assist the leader or the ones chosen to take part in the skit in securing any props and setting the stage. . . . Help the leader secure a copy of Marian Anderson's recording of *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Cooperate with the Church Activity Committee in securing 100% participation of your members in attending a church service together.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: If the weather is suitable, perhaps your committee could arrange for your society to go on a hike to note particularly God's handiwork and His constant care for his creation.

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Plan to have your members and your counselor sit together at a church service. Make a special effort to get each member to participate.

JOHN: "Well, how do you expect me to talk? Like I'm going to a party? You'd be glum, too, if your dad were in the hospital with a broken back, your kid sister had the measles and you were going home with your first "D" on your report card! Besides that, I've never had the measles. What if I get them about Easter? No one could learn my part in the Easter play in a week."

BOB: "Speaking of Easter, John, what does it mean?"

JOHN: "Oh, you know as well as I do."

BOB: "Yes, both of us know that's when Christ arose from the dead. It also means He's alive today, even though we cannot see Him. But—you've been acting and talking as though He were dead.

Remember He can do things to help people today just as He did when He was here on earth. And I'm sure He will help you if you'll ask Him to."

JOHN: "I guess you're right. I have been acting as if God were dead. Thank you for reminding me that He's alive and able to help us. . . . Say, Bob, let's go to my room and talk to Him about our problems?"

BOB: "Sure thing! I'd be glad to (Both players exit.)

Buzz Groups

(Divide into two groups to consider the following questions.)

1. Why do you believe that God created the heaven and the earth and all that is in them? Give at least five reasons.

2. Why do you believe that God has always cared for and controlled His creation and does so now? Give five or more reasons.

(After about ten minutes, the groups should reassemble. Then have either the secretary or chairman of each group report the answers. When these answers have been shared, discuss this question: What difference does it make whether you believe these facts about God?)

Followup

It will be wise for the counselor and pastor to evaluate the meeting to see if there might not be the need of some special attention to the questions that seemed to pose problems for the Junior Highs during the meeting.

The pastor may find that it would be helpful to have a special class sometime during the week for the Junior Highs who are interested in pursuing further the questions they may have.

It may also be helpful to have the pastor take 10 minutes at each Christian Endeavor meeting to explain some phase of the Christian faith. This could become a regular feature of your meeting.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 18	He Hears Us	Exodus 33:13-23
T. Mar. 19	He Giveth Light	Exodus 34:29-35
W. Mar. 20	He Is Spirit	John 4:19-26
T. Mar. 21	A Provider	Matthew 6:24-34
F. Mar. 22	A Loving Father	Luke 15:11-24
S. Mar. 23	The Father and the Son	John 14:6-19

Sun. Mar. 24—Topic: "In the Beginning God"
Genesis 1:1,31; Hebrews 11:3

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Topic 2 in a Unit: Understanding God

"God So Loved"

John 3:14-17

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Prelude: *The Love of God; My Saviour's Love*Solo: *That Beautiful Name*

Sentence Prayers

Bible Contest

Songs: *Spirit of The Living God; Wide as the Ocean*

Panel Presentation

Life Problems

Song: *Just As I Am, Thine Own To Be*

Commitment Time

Song: *Living for Jesus*

Benediction

Our Aims

1. To become more aware of God's love for us.
2. To consider how we should respond to His love.

How to Prepare

Good Christian Endeavor programs do not just happen. If they are to be good there must be proper preparation.

Prayerfully and carefully decide on the parts of your program and on the persons to take part. Perhaps there are some members in your society who haven't participated recently.

After the persons are chosen, tell them about their part in time for them to make adequate preparations. Be specific in explaining what they are to do. Once or twice before the meeting, remind them of their part by a question or word of encouragement.

In your praying, planning, preparation and presentation, keep in mind the purpose of this program.

Ask someone to sing the solo number or give a musical reading of it.

About two weeks before the meeting, choose ten members (five for each side) to participate in the Bible verse contest. Explain to them how the contest will be conducted and give each of them a list of the verses.

From poster board, cut eleven cards about twelve inches by four inches. On one side of each write one of the Bible references; on the other side write the verse, or the first several words.

Appoint three persons to take care of the panel presentation. They should plan their answers before the program.

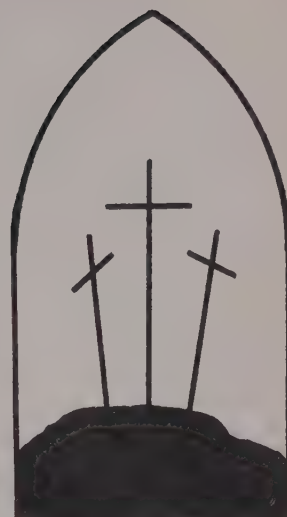
If you decide to use any of the filmstrips, order them immediately or arrange for them to be borrowed from your church library.

Pray for your counselor's important part in leading the commitment time, and for young people to accept Christ and to answer His call to Christian service.

Most of us thrive on appreciation. So be sure to thank each one who assists you in planning and presenting this program. Include the Lord, too.

Bible Contest

The team members should memorize the following Bible verses and their references in preparation for the contest: John 3:16; John 3:17; John 13:35; John



15:12; John 15:13; I John 3:1; I John 4:7; I John 4:8; I John 4:9; I John 5:2.

Each contestant will have an opportunity to quote one verse and to give one Bible reference. Of course he will not know ahead of time which ones these will be.

When the two teams are lined up in the front of the room the leader or counselor will show one side of a card and the contestant will say what is on the other side of that card. For each correct answer a team scores ten points. For each incorrect answer, five points are subtracted.

If a contestant does not know the answer or gives a wrong answer, the correct answer is shown.

Panel Presentation

(Have the three persons on the panel sit at a table in the front of the room.)

LEADER: "We are now going to hear from the members of our panel. (The leader then presents the members of the panel.) They will discuss these questions:

1. How can we know that God loves us?—
2. Do we deserve God's love?
3. What should we do in response to God's love?

Here are some ideas that could be enlarged upon in the panelists' answers:

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Publicity

Cut a large red heart out of 12"x18" construction paper. Over the heart place a picture or drawing of a world globe or any people. Below, beside or above the heart, put the date, time, place and name of your Christian Endeavor group.

Or, if you use the Bible contest in the program, you may prefer to use this poster idea. Ask each of the team members for a picture of himself or herself. Cut the heads out of the pictures and mount them over stick figures arranged as teams on the right and left sides of the poster. A picture of the leader or counselor could also be included.

Personal invitations to be at this meeting should be given to those who have been irregular in attendance recently. Use postcards, telephone calls or personal contacts. Offer to take them or walk with them to the meeting.

To the Counselor

As you guide and help your society prepare and present this program, remember that you are the key to the success of your group.

Give advice to the leader and other participants as needed.

This meeting offers you a good opportunity to realize the important goals of leading them through their lives to Christ and to help them commit their lives to His service.

Because of the importance of your part in the program, and because of what your leadership example can do for your youth, endeavor to do your best, God helping you.

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1. What the Bible says; what Christ has done and is doing and will do for us; the difference His love has made in people's lives.

2. We do many things that dishonor and displease God; we are often ungrateful to Him; we are sinful and He is perfectly good and holy.

3. Accept Christ as our Saviour and Lord; work with Him in carrying out His purposes; be grateful to Him in words as well as deeds, and speak highly of Him to others.

Life Problems

Alice is a typical young American teen-ager. Her family is a typical American family and they live in a typical American home. Alice is an average student, and has the usual number of friends. She's never had any tragedy happen to her, nor has she ever experienced anything unusually wonderful.

Alice goes to Sunday school occasionally, but she is not a Christian.

Suppose Alice recently moved into your community. How would you go about helping her to know God's love for her, and how would you encourage her to love Him?

Joe and Kathryn are a brother and sister who, along with their parents were originally from East Germany. They left there because of the Communists. Now they live in the United States.

How would you answer these questions that they have asked some Christian young people? What makes you think God loves everyone? If God loves us why doesn't He make the Communists get out of East Germany so our family and others can live there peacefully?

Jim has a friend named Dale. One day when Dale and his family were on their way home from visiting his grandparents, they were in a serious automobile accident. Another driver ran a stop sign and caused the accident. Dale's mother was killed and he received head injuries which resulted in the loss of the sight of one of his eyes. His sister suffered a broken leg. Minor cuts and bruises were the extent of his father's injuries.

Before the accident, Jim had almost succeeded in getting Dale to become an associate member of his Christian Endeavor society. Jim had talked to him about the Lord Jesus Christ, and had hopes of his becoming a Christian soon.

But since the accident Dale has said that he thinks that if God really loves him He wouldn't have let the accident happen.

If you were Jim, what would you do to help convince Dale that God does love him and his family?

Dick was smaller than most of the boys his age. Even though he was a good student, a good basketball player and on the "Y" swimming team, a few of the other boys made fun of him. Especially Bob.

One day when Dick, Bob, and several other boys went swimming, Bob got a cramp when he was out in deep water. When Dick heard Bob call for help, he immediately swam out to him and brought him to shore.

When it was all over and Dick and Bob were alone, Bob asked, "Dick, why did you come after me? Why didn't you let one of the other fellows?"

If you were Dick, how would you have answered Bob?

Filmstrips

If a film was not used in the March 24 meeting, perhaps you will want to use one or two of the color filmstrips from the Passion Story Series by Cathedral Films. There are five filmstrips in this series: The Last Supper, Gethsemane, Arrest and Trial, Judgment and Crucifixion, and The Resurrection. The running time of each is about fifteen minutes.

These may be rented from a film dealer who handles Cathedral films, or a Christian bookstore in your community.

Commitment Time

The counselor will give a talk or tell a story leading up to a time of commitment by the young people. One story possibility is "The Talking Picture" (pp. 640-641, *Christ and the Fine Arts* by Cynthia Pearl Maus). This book is probably available at your local public library if it is not in your church library.

The poem "Jesus Christ—And We" by Annie Johnson Flint (p. 712, *Christ and the Fine Arts*) could also be used.

The counselor may choose to use the folders "Life's Greatest Decisions" and "What Is A Lifework Recruit?" as the basis of his talk. These folders should also be distributed to the group.

Opportunity should be given for young people to accept Christ as Saviour or to dedicate their lives to God for Christian service.

Projects for Committees

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: If the leader and the Devotional Committee decide to rent one or more of the filmstrips, help them to arrange for the payment.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Along with the leader, decide whether you will use any of the filmstrips at this meeting. If filmstrips are used, arrange for a filmstrip projector, record player and screen before the meeting begins.

Distribute copies of "What Is A Life work Recruit?" and "Life's Greatest Decisions." These folders may be ordered from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: If the Missionary Committee decides to carry out the project suggested for them, your committee might offer to assist them. You could find out which hospital or home would be best for your group to visit, and then make the arrangements for the visit.

If there are members or prospective members who have been irregular in attendance recently, give them personal invitations to this meeting.

Have a definite prayer for the Commitment Time of this program.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Have your committee, or as many members of your society as can, visit a hospital or children's home this month. You might take along scrapbooks of pictures, poems, Bible verses, stories, etc., or take leftover Sunday school papers.

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: If your church does not have a filmstrip library, perhaps your committee could discuss the matter with committees from other organizations of your church. Possibly these other groups would help you purchase the Passion Story Series by Cathedral Films.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 25	A New Commandment	John 13:31-35
T. Mar. 26	"Love One Another"	John 15:9-17
W. Mar. 27	"Lovest Thou Me"	John 21:15-19
T. Mar. 28	God's Love toward Us	I John 3:1-3
F. Mar. 29	"God Is Love"	I John 4:7-12
S. Mar. 30	Love Keeps His Commandments	I John 5:1-4
Sun. Mar. 31—Topic:	"God So Loved"	John 3:14-17

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Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic 2 in a Unit: Being Faithful

Somebody's Missing

I Thessalonians 5:1-10

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Call to Worship: Make a joyful noise
 unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the
 Lord with gladness; come before His
 presence with singing.
 Hymns: *We're Marching to Zion; Guide
 Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.*
 Announcements and Offering
 Scripture Reading: I Thessalonians 5:1-
 10
 Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
 Sentence Prayers
 Leader's Introduction
 Talks on the Topic
 Questions for Discussion
 Consecration Service
 Benediction

For Publicity

Around the sides of your poster paste pic-
 tures representing different kinds of sports:
 football, basketball, baseball, track, swim-
 ming, etc. Your heading at the top will be
Somebody's Missing. Below it, *A Sport's
 Program at Christian Endeavor Which You
 Will Enjoy.* Give time, leader and date.

For the Leader

Have you ever attended a meeting in
 which the leader made no preparation,
 thumbed through the hymnal after arriving,
 read the Leader's Talk instead of telling it
 in his own words, passed around THE
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 parts to be read instead of having assigned
 them before the meeting? Nobody was ready
 with anything, and it was a dull meeting;
 there was inattention and whispering, and
 the leader was marked down in the estima-
 tion of everybody there. Don't let that hap-
 pen to you. Study your topic early and
 think about it during the weeks before you
 are to present it. Check the Preparation
 Chart as soon as you have completed each
 item. Pray that the Spirit of God may touch
 the hearts of many young people and lead
 them to come to the meeting.

Leader's Introduction

If you listened attentively to the read-
 ing of the Scripture, you will remember
 that the Apostle Paul was telling the
 Thessalonians that the end of the world

would come suddenly, and in a day
 when people really didn't expect it. That
 being the case, he urged them to be on
 the lookout for it, and to be ready when
 it arrived.

This takes us back to the days of the
 great flood in the time of Noah. You will
 recall that the people had become so
 wicked that God was ready to destroy
 all of them and make a new beginning,
 so he ordered Noah to make a great ark
 a block and a half long and three stories
 high, in preparation for that terrible
 event. He urged the people to repent
 of their sins, and be saved from the
 awful catastrophe, but when the rains
 came and the ark set sail, there were
 a lot of folks missing. The evil ones
 who did not love God were not on it;
 the carpenters who helped build it were
 not on it, for they didn't believe Noah's
 message; the wise ones who ridiculed
 Noah because he said there would be a
 great flood were not on it. It wasn't
 long, however, until everybody wished
 they were on it, but it was too late. The
 ark had sailed, and only death awaited
 them.

Sooner or later, we know that the
 final whistle is going to be blown for
 us, and that we must be in a state of
 readiness. Already we have had school
 friends who have died, or been killed
 suddenly in accidents. We realize how
 uncertain this life is, and that surely,
 whether sooner or later, we will take
 our turn.

Paul, in writing to the Corinthians
 (I Corinthians 9:24-27) used a couple
 of illustrations from the sports world.
 He knew of the Olympic games which
 had been held continuously from 776
 B.C., in which athletes raced to win a
 garland of wild olive leaves. He pointed
 out how they had to be temperate in
 their living in order to condition their
 bodies so they could win. He was deter-
 mined to do so too, for he hoped to
 win a crown far better than one made of
 leaves. He didn't intend to be among the
 losers when the game of life was over.

Preparation Chart

Topic studied?
 Parts assigned?
 Songs chosen?
 Pianist and song leader notified?
 Cards mailed? Poster made?
 Visitors invited?



Talks on the Topic

1. (Please tell in your own words).
 It has only been a couple of months
 now since millions of people were thrilled
 at watching the Bowl games in various
 parts of the country. There were spec-
 tacular runs, bullet-like passes, and sur-
 prising touchdowns. But there were a
 lot of players who were missing from
 the field that day. They were sitting
 out the game on the bench, because they
 were not good enough to make the team.
 They didn't play hard enough at prac-
 tice, eat the right foods or get enough
 rest in order to condition their bodies
 for the gruelling, crushing force of their
 opponents plays. If they happened to be
 on the winning team, the coach perhaps
 let them go in for the last minute, so
 they could say they had played in a
 bowl game, but they were not in there
 making touchdowns.

Last fall a quarterback whose father
 had died in a distant state the day be-
 fore, played his greatest game. When
 interviewed on TV, he said that he did
 it for his father. He felt that his father
 would be watching, and he wanted to
 play a great game for him. God is watch-
 ing to see how we play the game of life.

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We can't see Him, but He can see us, and is watching to see what the outcome is going to be. Let's be in the game every day doing our best for Him, and not be sitting out the season on a bench because we were not fit to make the team.

2. (Please tell in your own words). We're in the basketball season now, and we've all been interested in how the games have turned out, in high school, college, and professional circles. Some of our high school scores haven't been too high, for the players sometimes are new at the game. In college we find the very best high school players now doing a surprising job of scoring, while in the professional ranks it is rather expected that each team shall run up 100 points or more in a game. Sometimes we wonder how it is possible to make so many scores within the time the game is played.

Last year, Wilt Chamberlain, of the Philadelphia Warriors, wound up the regular National Basketball Association season with a record of 4,029 points scored. It was the first time anybody had ever scored more than 4,000 points, but Wilt's head wasn't turned by success. Forgetful of the great honor which had come to him, he said to reporters, "It doesn't mean a thing, if we don't win the title."

During Wilt's first season he had scored 2,707 points; his second season had totaled 3,033 points, and now in his third season had hung up an unbelievable record of 4,029 points. How did he do it? By long hours of practice. He had to have good eyes, good judgment, and expert skill.

There are always players "missing" in basketball, as in other sports. They are sitting it out on the bench because they made too many personal fouls, and that is true in the game of life. God can forgive mistakes which were not intentional, and for which we are sorry and seek correction. But when a man does wrong on purpose, and keeps on doing wrong, that is going too far. He may be out of the game of life for good.

3. (Please tell in your own words). Track meets are soon to come, and every year new records are set. So quickly do they tumble, however, that before we realize it, somebody else has done better. When Gil Dodds won the mile at 4:10.6, he gave God the credit for it, before everybody. "I had one great lack which coaches say a long-distance runner must have. I couldn't sprint at the end

Questions for Discussion

1. What things stand in the way of young people and Christian living?
2. Why do some young people give up their faith so easily?
3. Why do some young people cease to be loyal to the church? Do they not want to live in a better world?
4. What is the penalty when Christians turn their back on Christ by sinning?
5. What can be done to win them back?

of the mile, but God took care of that. In place of the sprint, He gave me stamina." Gil didn't realize it, but he was sprinting the whole distance. Since then, the record has gone down and down, until last year Peter Snell hit the tape for 3:54.4.

Glen Cunningham, who, in his day was considered "the fastest thing on legs," was a devout Christian. As a child he was so badly burned it was thought he would be a wheel-chair invalid, but he was determined not only to walk, but run. By agonizing practice, he not only gained the use of his legs, but became a champion miler.

Some runners start out with a rush, and soon become so exhausted that they fall behind before the race is over. One coach taught his athletes not to do that. He ran the course, and timed himself. He then said, "You be at each of four points at a certain time, and you will win." His runner let the others go ahead, but he was at each point at the designated time, and he did win. Jesus, our great Coach has already gone over the course ahead of us, and if we will follow His directions, we won't be among the missing.

4. (Please tell in your own words). Baseball time will be coming up in the near future, and a lot of young people are looking forward to making the team. There are character values in play which are very important to Christian growth. Some of these are discipline, cooperation, self-control, honesty, perseverance, doing one's best, playing according to the rules, fighting against odds, accepting the decision of a leader, respect for others, good sportsmanship, and willingness to try again.

Carl Hubbell, one of the greatest pitchers of the National League, was asked in an interview what he considered the secret of his success. His answer was "Control." There have been many pitchers, but Carl Hubbell was able to put the ball where he wanted it. Babe Ruth, one of the greatest of batters, at times would point out the spot where he intended to knock a home run, and then proceed to do it.

The Apostle Paul talked a lot about self-control in his writings, and the importance of disciplining his body to do what ought to be done, and to not allow it a freedom which would bring defeat and ruin. It is good for us to have that kind of self-control today.

5. (Please tell in your own words). If you enjoy swimming you will like to hear the story of teenage Gertrude Ederle, the first woman ever to swim the English channel. At 15 she had broken five world records, and at 17 had helped win for America the women's relay race in the Olympic games. At 18 she had swum 21 miles from Manhattan to Sandy Hook, N. J., and next attempted the English channel. It was a bad day, the water was cold and the waves were choppy. It began to rain and the wind got worse, rising to gale proportions by afternoon. Her trainer, from a tug which was following, tried to get her to give up, but she would not. As evening came on, people on the English shore lighted bonfires, and hundreds of horns of automobiles cheered her on. She set a record that day, faster than any of the five men who had preceded her. She received international acclaim.

A point to remember in connection with Gertrude Ederle is that she kept her eyes on the other shore! That is the thing which will keep us on our course, and cheer us up, as we make our race through life.

Consecration Service

(Lights out, except one large candle).
Leader (or minister): "As we come to the monthly consecration service for active members, I am asking that each one who is ready to renew his loyalty to Christ, to make a silent promise to do something which will develop his spiritual life. As you think of something specific, will you please come to the front and light a candle from the large candle, and form in a circle around it."

(When the circle has been formed, say,) "Let us now repeat the Christian Endeavor Pledge." (If they are not used to repeating it, then say, "Let us reverently bow our heads while I read to you the pledge which guides our lives.") At the close, say, "Let us now sing the first stanza of *Into My Heart*, then have our consecration prayer, and afterward turn outward and sing the second stanza." Have the benediction at the close.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Feb. 25	A Faithful God	I John 1
T. Feb. 26	Love Things of God	I John 2:1-17
W. Feb. 27	Discern the Truth	I John 4:1-13
T. Feb. 28	Father's Business	Luke 2:39-52
F. Mar. 1	All Are Tempted	Luke 4:1-13
S. Mar. 2	Seek First	Matthew 6:19-34
Sun. Mar. 3	Topic: Somebody's Missing	I Thessalonians 5:1-10

Comments by Dr. J. Vernon Jacobs of Phoenix, Arizona, a former minister, editor, and seminary teacher; and the author of more than 30 books

Topic 1 in a Unit: Understanding God

Lord of All

Psalm 24

**Suggested Program**

Pre-Prayer Service
 Call to Worship: Psalm 24:1-5
 Song Service: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; This is My Father's World; Great is Thy Faithfulness.*
 Scripture: II Corinthians 5:17-20
 Prayer
 Special Music
 Introduction by the Leader
 Talks on the Subject
 Discussion Time
 Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
 Prayer and Benediction

Publicity

Cut out of cardboard an enormous question mark which can be used as a poster. Using pictures cut out of magazines, set up the following: Print the words, *Is God an . . .* (Next to the question paste in the picture of an old man, with a beard if possible.) In the curve of the question mark print vertically, *Or a . . .* (Paste in the picture of a policeman.) Going on down vertically, write, *Or is He Lord Of All.* At the base of the question mark print in the time and date of the meeting.

Leader's Introduction

There are a lot of tests that doctors can give to find out what makes you sick. One of these tests is aimed at the pictures that come into your mind when you hear certain words. They will give you a word and ask you to say the first word that comes into your head in response. If you hear the word *mother* and you answer with *love* the doctor will be pretty sure that the picture in your mind that goes with the word *mother* is a good one. If they give you the word *murder* and you answer back with *sister* it is a pretty good guess that you aren't on very friendly terms with your sister! Thousands of words set off an image in our minds and your picture for a word may be totally different from the picture which someone else has for the same word. The word *God* makes a strong picture in some minds, but for many people it is just a formless or rather windy mass of nothingness. Most people who have a picture of God would admit that it looks like something taken from life. Children have strange ideas about God.

A little girl will say, "God? He's the one who can see where my mother can't!" Speak of God to an African and he may say, "There was a spirit who made the world, but he went away and now the evil spirits control everything." There are millions of people whose picture of God is simply a short, squat idol. The little girl sees God as a sort of sneaky grandfather, and the African may have the image in his mind of the back of a man; disinterested, always walking away from him.

But are your ideas of God any clearer than these? J. B. Phillips in his book *Your God is Too Small*, talks about the weak ideas of God that keep men from seeing His power or His love. Let's take a look at some of his small ideas of God.

FIRST SPEAKER

We often make the mistake of thinking that the still, small voice inside us is always God speaking. Much too often it is simply the conscience, saying what it has been taught to say. If we try to make our conscience the same thing as God's voice, we run smack into the fact that one person's conscience says one thing and your own says something quite different.

If you don't realize how much your conscience has been taught by the society in which you live, think about the fact that you feel guilty when you lie. Why is it that even though someone is murdered every day in the United States, we cannot wish someone were dead without being annoyed by the whisper of conscience? All over the world consciences do what they are taught to do, so that in some places people can never watch another person eating without feeling terribly guilty for looking at them, yet they will leave an old man alone in the forest to die as a normal part of life. Conscience is not God and if you try to use it that way you will wind up thinking of God as a policeman who lives in your house and follows you moment by moment with his book of tickets ready.

SECOND SPEAKER

Many minds translate God into "father" or "grandfather." "Well," you say, "what's wrong with that?" It depends on what kind of a father you have for one thing. For another, it means that you limit God.

He has the same amount of authority as someone you know well, and the same weaknesses. There are too many people who resent their fathers for various reasons. There are fathers who are cruel, drunk, weak. And there are fathers who always give their children what they want, if for no other reason than to get rid of them. A child with this type of father may grow up thinking of God as a soft-touch and the words, "ask and ye shall receive" as being written especially for him.

"But," you say, "Jesus Himself told us to call God our Father!" What Jesus wanted to make clear was that we can have a close relationship with God and this was totally new to the disciples who had always worshipped God at a respectful distance. He never asked us to use our earthly fathers as the basis of our picture of God.

The idea of a grandfather is no better. It brings to mind a nice, old fellow who hasn't the faintest notion what anyone under forty years of age is thinking and who can not possibly handle the problems of life as we know them. The whole idea creates a God who could take care of Moses all right because He understood the problems in the old days. This God will, of course, have to spend this century in His rocking chair out of the way.

THIRD SPEAKER

There are plenty of left-over pictures of God. There is the "gentle Jesus meek and mild" idea. Since we accept the fact that Jesus reveals God to us, we get the picture of a quiet, pale person who hasn't got a chance in this world of changing lives.

There is what Phillips calls "God-in-a-box," and by this he means that this is the image of someone who belongs to your church and who agrees with your beliefs. God has to fit into the box of our rules and people can find Him only

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by accepting those rules first. The very thought that God might be a Baptist when you are a Presbyterian is impossible! In all of these concepts we are basing our picture of God on someone or something that we know and have seen. Such images of God are never big enough; they will never measure Him.

THE LEADER

What are some of our basic ideas of God? We think of Him as creator, as sovereign Lord. (Give the group a chance to name the personality traits of God. They could mention; wisdom, power, boundless knowledge, His constant presence in the world.) What if God were to decide to wipe out all of the false images by showing us His personality? What road could He use to come to us? The Old Testament tells the history of God revealing Himself in various ways to men. And these men were slow to understand. They were really far from knowing His personality, His purpose, His power. Suppose that God would choose to enter the world that we know, to become human in order to reveal Himself? Even though He would be handicapped by being man, even though He could never show fully what He is, for the first time men would really know Him. And God did exactly that! He became man to reveal Himself as completely as possible to the world. We see God; His personality, His power, in Jesus Christ!

In the New English translation of the Bible the first three verses of John 1 are a clear testimony to the Creator as revealed in Jesus. John says, "When all things began, the Word already was. The Word dwelt with God, and what God was, the Word was. The Word, then was with God in the beginning, and through him all things came to be; no single thing was created without him." Jesus is clearly the "Word" and He was with God in the creation of the world. What do we know then about the Creator? We know, for one thing, that He loves deeply the man whom He created. Because of Jesus we understand that God does not destroy. Jesus is an amazing revelation to those who have always thought of God's power as a steamroller which might at any moment sweep over them. Jesus always healed; He always made things complete; He created new bodies out of dying lepers and brought a new life out of a howling madman. This is the God of Creation.

It has been said that knowledge is having the information, and wisdom is

using it to the best advantage. In the life of Jesus we find over and over again the proof of God's boundless knowledge.

One afternoon in Samaria, Jesus stopped by a well and spoke to a strange woman. He looked at her and knew everything about her: her life, her sins, the things that were really important to her. In His wisdom, He began to talk to her about water. He knew that water was an essential thing in her life and He offered her water that would satisfy her thirst once and for all. What a wonderful thing, she thought, never to have to walk to the well again! When she asked for this miraculous water, Jesus, knowing that she would listen to Him, began to talk to her about the sin in her life. She was so amazed to find that He knew all about her; she was so astonished to hear Him say that He was the Christ, that she went back to the village to tell her story. The Bible says (John 4:39) that many people in the city believed in Him because of her testimony.

Thus we see the knowledge and wisdom of God in action. He knows our lives; He understands our hearts; He sees exactly which things are important to us. Through Christ we see God who loves us even though He knows everything about us. In Jesus, we meet God, who pours the water of everlasting life on our spiritual thirst.

There were times when Jesus could not be tempted into showing His power. He totally refused to change stones to bread even after long days of hunger in the desert. The very fact that He could not be tempted into satisfying his human hunger, is strong proof of the tremendous power that He had within Him.

It was this same Jesus who stood, one day, outside a tomb in which a man lay dead. Many of the very disciples who had thought of Jesus as a good teacher or a kind friend came face to face at that moment with the power of God in Christ. Jesus spoke out clearly, confidently, "Lazarus, come out!" And for the first time men saw the proof of the total power of God, over death as well as life.

We see clearly, because of Christ, that the presence of God has always been and will always be in the world. When Jesus said, "I will send you a Comforter," He was promising the abiding presence of the Spirit of God. When He said, "I am with you always, even to the end of the world," it was God making plain His constant presence in our world and our lives.

When we come to Jesus for our picture of God, we suddenly find that we have lost the policeman, the grandfather with his beard, all of the small ideas of God. Jesus Himself said, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). He made it very clear; "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6)

All over the world new Christians in young churches are also trying to find a new picture of God. In one small village, the evangelist was questioning a young girl, trying to see whether or not she really understood this completely new life in Christ. "Who is God?" he asked. The smiling face suddenly became quiet, the fear that she could not answer was in her eyes. Finally, he asked the question again, "Who is God?" The answer was very soft, "Jesus is God." The evangelist was surprised, "What do you know about Him?" "I know that He knows all about me, and even so, He died for me."

For us too, the word "God" can only be filled with Jesus: with what He did on earth, with what He said, with His personality, with the power of His Spirit that is here now working and filling hearts.

And what about your picture of God? What can you put in the place of the old man in the rocking chair? It is hard sometimes to accept paintings by artists because we don't think Jesus looked like that. Or maybe, you have always had the image of a famous painting in your mind when you spoke of Jesus. If it is too hard to make a picture out of the truth of what God is, then you must use the figure of a man, Jesus, who walked the earth. It is a tall, strong person that you must see, standing before a tomb and calling Lazarus back from the dead. It is God standing in a small room, in the midst of the frightened disciples risen from the dead and Lord of All.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar.	4	God of Wisdom	Proverbs 3:1-2
T. Mar.	5	God of Knowledge	Matthew 6:1-4
W. Mar.	6	God of Might	I John 5:12-2
T. Mar.	7	God of Nature	Psalms 1
F. Mar.	8	God of Immortality	I Timothy 6:1-1
S. Mar.	9	God of Refuge	Psalms 10
Sun. Mar.	10	Topic: Lord of All	Psalms 2

Comments by Mrs. Wesley H. Brown, serving as a Baptist missionary in the Republic of Congo with her husband and four children

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Topic 2 in a Unit: Understanding God

This I Know

II Timothy 1:8-14

**Suggested Program**

e-Prayer Service

Opening Prayer

ymns: *Jesus Saves; Now I Belong to Jesus; When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Scripture: II Timothy 1:8-14

Sentence Prayers

The Topic

Discussion

ymns: *Hallelujah! What a Saviour; Have Thine Own Way*

Decision Time

Closing Prayer

Publicity

We suggest that you use one of the short conversations that you will find in the topic material. On the preceding Sunday, or at some service during the week, two members of the society can call attention to the coming meeting with this skit. Be sure that the dialogue is followed with the time and date of the meeting and an invitation to attend.

For the Leader

You will never be assigned a more important topic than this one. If, in reading it through, you see that you also have only a nodding relationship with God, if you are not sure whether your committal to Christ is more than an intellectual agreement with certain facts, go to your counselor. This is a matter for deep prayer, and what is done in this meeting will affect the lives of those in the group. This is your opportunity to make Christ a reality to someone else, to lead the group in giving over their lives to Him. Enlist the help of members of the Society to present the two skits.

Topic Introduction

(Use this skit to introduce the topic.)

Mary: Come on. Let's go to the store first and then we can go to Jean's house.

Joan: What if she wants to go with us?

Mary: Look, I want to go to the store first. Why do you always have to make a big thing out of it?

Joan: You know what's wrong with you? You have to do things your own way all the time!

Mary: What difference does it make to you?

Joan: I think we ought to go down there and see if Jean wants to go with us.

Mary: Talk about me! You want everybody else to jump when you holler!

Joan: Well, okay you do what you want, but I'm going over to Jean's.

Mary: You're the stubbornest person I've ever known! I'll see you later.

Leader: Do you know what's wrong with these two? They're just like us. Over and over, many times a day we argue or fight or simply put the pressure on other people until we get our own way. We are constructed so that we do not want to give up and do what someone else wants us to do.

We call this powerful force inside us "the will." Now the idea of using will power is generally assumed to be a good thing. The honest truth is that it depends on how you're using the will. A very overweight woman could use some will power when it comes to food, but she usually feels very noble if she refuses a second helping of chocolate cake which has followed chicken and potatoes! In a few words, we usually do exactly what we want to do and we have all sorts of ways of explaining, both to ourselves and to others, why we had to do it that way. Take these two fellows for instance:

Jerry: I'll get the phone, Mom. Hello!

Bill: Hi, this Jerry?

Jerry: Yeah, what's new?

Bill: Nothing much. I'll be over in about half an hour to pick you up.

Jerry: Oh look, I can't go to church tonight. I have to study.

Bill: Why didn't you study yesterday for Pete's sakes?

Jerry: I don't know. I was fooling around. . . .

Bill: Oh come on. You won't get anything done anyway. You'll just start watching the television.

Jerry: Yeah, well what am I going to do in the morning if I haven't finished this paper.

Bill: Okay, I'll see you tomorrow. So long.

Jerry: Good bye.

Do you see what's wrong with this guy? He doesn't want to go to church and he's doing exactly what he wants to do. If it is hard for us to get along with all the wills that inhabit the people around us, think how important this will becomes in our relationship with God.

It is a most peculiar contradiction that the critics of Christianity usually attack it on the basis of the fantastic facts it presents, while many Christians accept all this with their minds while refusing to give up the control of their own lives and wills.

What are we asked to believe? The Bible says quite plainly that God, in order to reveal Himself to men, entered the world as we know it. We are asked to believe that God was in Jesus Christ. We are shown that our relationship to God is channeled through our attitude to Jesus. And Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). God, then, has a personality, He is a person. How do we know this Person? By knowing Jesus Christ.

"To know" can mean more than one thing. "Do you know all that stuff for tomorrow's test?" can be translated "Is all that information or are all those answers

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in your head?" There is nothing complicated about the answer. Either you know or you don't know. And there are no emotional complications in having this information, unless, because you don't really know, you can call flunking the test a rather emotional event!

When you start to talk about knowing a person, however, you suddenly find yourself on different ground. You can know people without really knowing them at all. That is, you've seen them, you know their name, you've talked to them a little. But if you were asked to answer questions about that person's goals in life, or basic beliefs, you would realize that you do not know them at all. Who are the people whom you know best? Almost always, they are the very people you live with. And knowing them does not mean simply that you have a list of facts about them in your mind. You know exactly what makes your brother mad and if you're the cause of it, you're going to be emotionally involved sooner or later. Facing the fact that your mother or father is going to die soon, makes a claim on your heart. You know these two in such a way that all of you is tied up in what happens to them. This is a relationship which is more than simply accepting the historic fact that these two people are your parents.

There are, in the same way, two possibilities in our relationship with God. There are a great many of us who know Him. That is, with the head we have accepted a group of facts. Perhaps it has been a struggle even accepting the facts. The birth, life, and death of Jesus are full of extraordinary events, and the resurrection cuts across everything that we know. And yet, many of us accept all or most of this. Jesus, who was God's Son, actually lived on the earth. He shows us God's power in His miracles. He illustrates once and for all God's love by going to the Cross and with His death giving us the possibility of forgiveness of sin. He takes away all fear of death and eternity by His resurrection, and with His promise of eternal life. And so we accept this with our minds. And we still don't know God. We know about Him, but we have never lived with Him in a relationship that comes from faith.

The words *saving faith* and *believe* do not speak about an intellectual assent to a group of facts. The difference is best illustrated with the story of the fellow who saw an airplane for the first

Questions for Discussion

1. Is God a person with a personality or an object which can be described?
2. What does faith in Him mean?
3. How do people come to know God?

time. He thought it was a wonderful thing. He watched it land, take on passengers and take off again. He haunted the airport, until he saw it come back again. And he could see for himself that it was absolutely true that the plane could stay up in the air. It was powerful enough to carry a large group of people and it could find its way safely back to the airport from which the flight had begun. He talked so much about all that he had seen, that finally a friend told him to go out and buy a ticket and take a ride on one of these marvels. Our friend was shocked. He couldn't possibly do that! Why not? Well, he's not too clear. You can never tell about the weather, and he can't take the time right now. Finally he comes out with the truth, "The thing is, I just don't have any faith in those things." In other words, he could accept the facts about a plane, but he would not commit himself to the plane. He wouldn't get in it and trust it completely. He had said it himself, he didn't have the faith to do it.

To really know God, is to have faith in Him. Not only to believe that He is, but to be willing to commit yourself to Him. The very plain reason why many people will not commit themselves and their lives to God is that they want to direct their own lives. They want to do what they want to do. The very base of faith is a surrender of the will. And we just don't want to surrender. In the same way that we struggle with a friend to make him give in, so we set our will against God. Like the man who wouldn't get on the plane, we don't have faith to give everything to Him. But, you say, where does this faith come from? How can I come to the place of giving everything to God?

Ephesians 2:8 says this, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God." If you will come to God, confessing your sin, asking for a faith that will make you strong enough to turn over your will to Him, He will give you the faith that you need. This is the beginning of a relationship with God that brings you to really know Him.

And you will not be alone. You will be a part of a group of believers that reaches around the world.

On a mission station in Africa, the Easter pageant was in full swing. The stage was set up over-looking the river and off to the left was the path leading to the tomb. Suddenly, up the path comes a group of women, running toward the disciples, shouting, "He is not there! He is risen!" And they are full of the story that they run out into the audience, turning to men and women saying over and over, "The Lord is risen from the dead!" The missionary, standing to one side, is afraid that the pageant is ruined. But when the African pastor stands up and invites people to commit themselves to the risen Lord, one after another they come. A faith that lives with a total committal transforms not only your life, but other lives as well. Are you able to say with Paul "I know whom I have believed. . . .?"

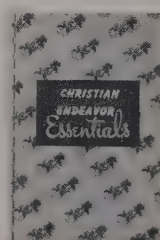
Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 11	Do You Believe?	Isaiah 53:1-12
T. Mar. 12	Saving Power	Isaiah 63:7-17
W. Mar. 13	Christ Crucified	I Corinthians 1:17-25
T. Mar. 14	Witnesses of His Resurrection	Acts 1:21-22
F. Mar. 15	Preaching the Resurrection	Acts 2:25-33
S. Mar. 16	Seeing Is Believing	John 20:11-18
Sun. Mar. 17—Topic: This I Know		II Timothy 1:8-12

Comments by Mrs. Wesley H. Brown, serving as a Baptist missionary in the Republic of Congo with her husband and four children

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.

NEEDED FOR MARCH 24 AND 31 CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ESSENTIALS



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ESSENTIALS the official textbook on the principles and the methods of Christian Endeavor should be secured for use at the March 24 and 31 society meeting. It may be ordered from the International Society. Price: \$1.25

Topic 1 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Essentials

Information Please

James 2:14-26



Suggested Program

Prayer Service
 Song Period: *For Christ and The Church,*
Saved to Tell Others; God's Way My
Way
 Scripture Roll Call of Favorite Passages
 Hymn: *Blessed Assurance*
 Scripture: James 2:14-26
 Prayer Period
 Announcements and Offering
 Hymn: *Trusting In Jesus For Strength*
Always
 Introduction and Purpose of the Unit
 and Historical Background
 Devotional Messages
 Discussion and Testimony
 Hymn: *Give Of Your Best To The Master*
 Closing Prayer

Promoting the Meeting

Christian Endeavor, we need to remind ourselves, is more than a group of young people meeting together on Sunday evening on a week night to discuss an interesting topic and to share in a rewarding Christian experience. It is more than a religious resting on a well planned and diverse recreational program designed to hold the youth to the church and bind them into a happy fellowship.

Unfortunately, too many young people's societies are only this and nothing more. The inevitable result is irregular attendance with nothing happening in the lives of the churches' young people and a fading sense of loyalty to Christian Endeavor.

To rediscover the additional something which makes a Christian Endeavor Society click and to clarify the objectives necessary to success are the basic purposes of our discussions this week and next week. Many societies are small and weak spiritually because the members have not learned the basic principles of Christian Endeavor.

Careful planning and the enlistment of the best leadership in the society are necessary to achieve the basic aims of these two meetings. Be sure to invite your pastor to be present; also several former Christian Endeavorers who are now active leaders in the church. Explain to them the purpose of the meeting tonight, but ask them to keep in the background to be ready with personal testimonies as the young people carry the discussion according to the plan outlined below. If possible, the leader and the five speakers should be young people who have attended a convention on a county, state, province or international level.

Decorate the room with Christian Endeavor banners. Have on display the Christian Endeavor pledge and ample Christian Endeavor literature, including *Christian Endeavor Essentials*, and the new and enlarged CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

Historical Background

Christian Endeavor was organized by a young pastor in a small church in Portland, Maine with a small group of venturesome youth. It has grown into a mighty army of over three million, with societies in approximately 50 different countries. Its persistent purpose has been to serve Christ and to recruit and train other young people in expanding service to His Church. It is the oldest and most dynamic youth organization. Much of its programs and purposes have been adopted by various large denominational youth fellowships. Christian Endeavor co-operates eagerly with all these newer organizations. In addition, it provides a more embracing program in which young people of all denominations and brotherhoods can share as Christians in conventions and community enterprises.

The distinctive and permanent motto, "For Christ and the Church," was adopted in 1887, six years after the organization of the first society by Reverend Francis E. Clark. Throughout the 82 years of its growth, Christian Endeavor has remained loyal to the sponsoring church and the individual denominational programs. Its meetings are as informal or as ritualistic as the denomination desires. Its members contribute to the financial support of their own church's program at home and abroad. It seeks to train young people for service in the church to which they belong or may subsequently join as they move from place to place in our modern migratory age.

But great as has been the service of Christian Endeavor in the past, we today cannot rest complacent in the consciousness of past achievements for Christ and His Church. Just as liberty and freedom must be won by each new generation, so Christian Endeavor must continue in an ever-renewed zeal to serve the ever-changing generations of young people. New leaders must be trained as replacements; our goals must be redefined and our program and methods readjusted as we face the challenge of change.

Five of our young people will now

challenge us to rethink five of the fundamental emphasis which are essential to the continued success of our society. They have the facts to present in answer to our theme, "Information Please."

1. A Christ-Centered Program

As our monogram visualizes, we are endeavorers in Christ. "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength" begins our pledge. Our program is as broad as Christ's love and restricted to the things of Christ. All of our endeavoring is to be within the embracing influence of Christ. Our program continues to be 1. evangelistic, in an effort to win others for Christ; 2. evangelical, in that the good news and message of God's Evangel is to be our message; 3. educational, in that we attempt to use the best educational methods to inform young people who Christ is and why He is the only answer to personal and world problems; 4. ecumenical, with a world wide vision of a Triumphant Christ and of a spiritual unity among Christians. These four E's define the purpose of Christian Endeavor and give direction to our planning.

Our program rests upon a personal commitment to Christ that is threefold. First, we commit our minds to Him in faith. We accept as eternal truth the claims and teaching of our Lord. We believe that He is the Son of God and that His program of life is practical in our modern world. Second, we commit to Him our lives in trust. Unlike belief, trust is not a mental decision. Trust in Christ can only develop through experiences with Him. It is the product of fellowship with Him amid the contrasted experiences of daily life. Third, commitment involves surrender of our wills to Christ's will. Obedient service is the outward expression of surrender.

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2. A Pledge-Guided Program

(Begin by asking the group to read slowly and thoughtfully the Christian Endeavor pledge.) It was written by Dr. Clark to guide the young people he was organizing in his church in Maine. Dr. Clark preferred to call it a covenant rather than a pledge, a covenant which binds each member to Christ in trusting dependence and service. It is positive, not negative, in its approach to Christian duty. It does not promise to abstain from harmful indulgences. It is merely an agreement to do the things Christ desires for us to do.

Through the years it has been somewhat revised into its present form and restated for different age groups. It remains the accepted basis for organized Christian Endeavor in all lands. We join the society by signing the pledge and conscientiously taking its obligations upon ourselves.

The pledge reminds us that we join in the activities of Christian Endeavor and accept responsibility, not because we are particularly talented, but only in the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ. Weak and inexperienced, we know Christ will enable us "to do whatever He would have me do." To discover His will more readily, we promise to pray and to read God's Word daily. The morning or the evening *Quiet Hour* is a cherished habit with many Christian Endeavorers.

We pledge ourselves to take an active interest in the work of our church and to share in the worship program of each Christian Endeavor meeting. Nor would we selfishly claim for ourselves only the blessings of fellowship with Christ. We agree to confess openly our reliance on Christ and to testify to others the spiritual assistance He gives us in times of temptation, perplexity, sorrow, joy or misfortune.

Thus we become God's witnesses, describing with enthusiasm our experiences with Christ. We are not asked to be Christ's lawyers, arguing with convincing logic the claims of Christ. Nor do we promise to be Christ's historians, relating with accuracy the details of Christ's life. We are merely His witnesses in telling others what great things the Lord has done for us.

Our pledge also includes a promise to give regularly a portion of our money to assist in the world wide proclamation of Christ's Gospel. Many Christian Endeavorers join the *Tenth Legion* and gladly dedicate one-tenth of their own money to Christ's cause. We agree to extend the hand of Christian fellowship to our brethren of all races in the joy of true brotherhood. Thus throughout

the entire pledge the positive phases of the Christian life are emphasized, believing with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

3. A Program of Co-operation

An active Christian Endeavor Society enlists the abilities and energies of all of its members organized into as many committees as may be necessary to achieve the accepted program of the society. Every member working on a committee and every committee working is the practical goal. The number of committees varies from year to year and from community to community. Most societies find that at least five committees are necessary to meet the five essential areas of activity. Some Youth Fellowships use the name commissions instead of the more familiar term committees. Take your choice or follow your denominational practice. The areas and needs are basically the same.

For details of organization and program, every society should add to its program a study of the book *Christian Endeavor Essentials*. It is the basic Christian Endeavor textbook. Recently it was revised for the sixth time in an up-to-date understanding of the needs and interests of modern youth. It outlines the responsibility of each of the following five areas of responsibility: Devotional (Program) Committee, Look-out (Membership) Committee, Missionary Committee, Social (Recreation) Committee, and Church Activity Committee.

4. An All-Inclusive Program

Christian Endeavor is interdenominational. It rejoices in the basic convictions which form the underlying unity of all denominations. It is usable and effective in local churches of any evangelical denomination. At its conventions young people live and worship together in one great fellowship of love. Distinctive differences in creed are ignored.

Christian Endeavor is also interracial. It recognizes and applies a unity of race which no variation in color can obscure. Color is only skin deep, but Christian character is rooted in the very soul of the individual. Racial unity is based on Christian character and experiences with Christ as Lord and Saviour. Disunity is the result of false pride or an arrogant assumption of superiority. Hence, it is a manifestation of a lack of Christian spirit. Often different races have different approaches to truth and different forms of expression which help to clarify our own thinking. Christian young people need the blessing of interracial worship and fellowship.

Christian Endeavor is also international. Many of the strongest Christian Endeavor Unions are in countries other than the United States or Canada. The young people feel a Christianity which has no emphasis on nationalism or destruction. They are effective forces in developing a spirit of mutual understanding and sympathy which promotes peace. We need to remind ourselves that Christianity was brought to America from nations across the seas. We are the heirs of a Christian spirit that is broader than the bounds of the countries where Christ's Gospel was first preached. Gratitude for the internationalism which resulted in the Christianization of America ought to stir us to similar zeal to spread and broadcast in every nation the message of our universal Saviour.

5. A Program of Service

"Saved to Serve" was the motto of Billy Sunday's evangelistic campaigns. Christian Endeavorers likewise are organized to serve. As Christ Himself said "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister." A lively Christian Endeavor society always has definite projects planned to widen the service range of the members. "Faith without works," wrote James, "is dead."

Service projects are usually planned and directed by the Church Activity Committee, who consult the pastor and Sunday school superintendent for suggestions before planning the year's schedule of projects. Helping in the church office, the church yard, cleaning, repairing, ushering, using cars to pick up Sunday school pupils or elderly people are but a few of the helpful projects that center within the church. Also include projects of sympathetic service to shut-ins, the sick and the sorrowful. Make out a list of people whom your society can help.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are not enough. Unselfish service is a year-long task. Such service in the Master's name is often the key which unlocks the hearts of the indifferent and even the hostile and prejudiced. Many precious opportunities to testify for Christ are often scattered along the pathway of service.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 18	God Needs Doers	James 1:17-19
T. Mar. 19	Respect Good	James 2:1-13
W. Mar. 20	Be Consistent	James 3:1-12
T. Mar. 21	Submit to God	James 4:1-10
F. Mar. 22	Wait Patiently for God	James 5:1-12
S. Mar. 23	Mean What You Say	James 5:12-20
Sun. Mar. 24	Topic: Information	Please James 2:14-26

Comments by Dr. W. W. McKinney, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania

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Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Essentials

Be a Merit Scholar

Luke 6:39-45



Suggested Program

Prayer Service
 Song Service: (One verse of your favorite hymns)
 All to Worship: Isaiah 55:6,7
 Invocation
 Hymn: *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*
 Announcements and Offering
 Scripture Reading: Luke 6:39-45
 Benediction Prayers
 Hymn: *Now I Belong To Jesus*
 Leader's Opening Remarks
 Our Guiding Principles (explained by four speakers)
 Discussion and Testimonial Period
 Prayer of Rededication
 Hymn: *I Love To Tell The Story*
 Mizpah Benediction

Promoting the Meeting

Post on the bulletin board a well drawn picture of a high school or college senior receiving a graduation diploma as the highest honor student in the class and being congratulated by the president of the school board. Underneath write the questions: *Is this your picture? If not, why not? Attend Christian Endeavor tonight and learn how to become a Merit Scholar.*

Since our topic today supplements last week's discussion, the room decorations can be similar to those used last week. They should include samples of Christian Endeavor literature, The Christian Endeavor Pledge, and banners. Select, as your discussion leaders, four of your most experienced members who will explain the four basic principles of Christian Endeavor—Confession, Service, Loyalty and Fellowship. Invite some active Christian Endeavor alumni to add words of testimony regarding the practicability of these four principles in daily life.

Leader's Introduction

(Introduce the topic with some factual comment on the importance of education in our modern competitive world and our own dependence on scientific research by dedicated scholars.) Our Scripture lesson stresses the same need of knowledge in the Christian life. "Can the blind lead the blind?" scornfully asks Jesus. The obvious negative answer challenges us to become better informed about our Christian life and the basic purposes of our Christian Endeavor program.

Jesus emphasizes that we must pull out the beam of ignorance in our own eye if we would see clearly enough to

be of service to others. (vs. 41-42). In Verse 43 Jesus changes the figure of speech by using the evident lesson of a fruitful tree. A good tree produces a good fruit. A well informed Christian will produce soul-satisfying fruit which can never grow on the tree of ignorance. We are known by the kind of fruit we produce for our Lord and Saviour. A useful Christian stores his mind with knowledge of the highest type received through Bible study and fellowship with God in prayer (v. 45).

These statements of Christ apply to each of us in our Christian Endeavor work. We should aim to be merit scholars through our knowledge of the Essentials of Christian Endeavor. The basic textbook, *Christian Endeavor Essentials*, now in its sixth revision, should be read and studied by each of us, either working together as a study group or by careful individual study.

Last week we discussed the history and organization of Christian Endeavor. We felt proud as we were reminded that Christian Endeavor is interdenominational, interracial and international. Let us refresh our memory of what we said about the pledge as now we read it again audibly. (Have the society repeat The Pledge together.) We also thought about the work of the five basic committees and what each committee can do in our society. Tonight we are going to think seriously of the four basic principles which have always undergirded Christian Endeavor. We will seek ways to apply these principles in our own lives and in the work of our society. Four members will in turn explain the scope of these four principles. We want to allow plenty of time for discussion and personal testimony by our visitors.

1. Confession of Christ

Yes, we all confessed Christ when we first joined the church "upon confession of faith in Christ," as it is called. We were very sincere in this public confession that we had learned to know Christ as Saviour and were proud to stand before the entire congregation and to be known as followers of Christ. That was a splendid beginning as we cherished the promise: "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before My Father." (Matt. 10:32) But it is

only a beginning. Confession is not only something we do once in our lifetime. It is a repeated act, like eating, which is necessary to nourish our bodies.

We continually confess Christ by the type of life we live. It was said of Peter and John that the Jewish leaders "marvelled and they took knowledge that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). Do our fellowmen find in our daily lives evidence that we have been with Jesus? A life lived in the expression of the will of Jesus is the most effective form of daily confession.

An active church member who was interested in the lumber business planned to spend some weeks at a lumber camp in the Northwest. As he was about to leave, a friend kidded him by saying, "If those rough lumber-jacks find out you are a Christian, they will make sport of you." The man went to the camp. Upon his return, his friend asked, "Well, how did you get along with the lumber-jacks when they learned you were a professing Christian?" "Oh," the church member replied smilingly, "I got along fine—they didn't find it out." Unfortunately, that is true of all too many who profess to be Christians. They are church members but a stranger would have a hard time finding it out, especially when away from home on a vacation.

We confess Christ also by our testimony regarding the blessings we receive in His fellowship. Here again we, as followers of Christ, fail in grasping opportunities to tell others of the joys we experience in our Christian life and of the personal blessings coming into our lives since Jesus came into our heart. We are eager to discuss with our friends and neighbors any other question under the sun. We give a lot of advice on problems about which we know very little. Yet we purposefully avoid the subject in which all men are most interested and of which we as Christians have personal knowledge.

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Some years ago a well known Christian was stopped on the street by a friend with the question: "Mr. R, how long have we known each other?" "About 15 years" was the quick response. "You claim to be a Christian?" "Why yes I do," he replied somewhat puzzled. Then his friend asked, "Do you really believe I must accept Christ as my Saviour if I am to be saved?" "Yes, I do believe that." Then followed the more significant question: "Do you care whether I am saved or not?" "Why I most certainly do." "Well," persisted his friend, "I do not want to hurt your feelings but I do not believe you do. As you say, we have been good friends for 15 years. Yet in all those years you have never once mentioned Jesus Christ to me. You are a leading businessman of this city and if you had ever told me that Christ was precious to you and that He had a right to my life and that I needed Him as my Saviour, I would have listened to you. But you never did. Of course, when I ask if you care whether I am saved or not, you say you do. But don't you see that if you had really cared, you would have said something to me about it in 15 years."

Yes, the unconverted man expects us to manifest an interest in his soul. He resents and misinterprets our strange silence and regards us as hypocrites. To confess Christ by word of mouth to our friends and families is both the privilege and the obligation of those who claim to know Christ as Saviour. Why not determine to win at least one person to Christ in 1963.

2. Service for Christ

Service for Christ and Confession of Christ are merely two sides of the coin of salvation. Paul exhorts, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). We must work it out, not merely attempt to pray it out. God is all-powerful and could easily bring in His kingdom by His own word of power.

Christ has honored us by making us partners with Him in the fulfillment of His purposes. He needs each of us in some phase of lifetime service. Christ calls for volunteers. He rarely resorts to a draft. He has need for us in whatever type of useful employment we may be guided to select.

Every young person should ask himself, "Does Christ want me to serve Him as a full-time specialist in furthering His cause at home or abroad?" Naturally, Christ cannot use all of us as His paid workers. But all should be ready to volunteer if they possess the special abilities

Questions for Discussion

1. Is it easier to speak about Christ to a close friend or to a stranger? Why?
2. Can a man expect to be saved and continue in his old sinful habits?
3. What type of church work would you like to do in your church?
4. What worship services have been most helpful to you?
5. What can your society do to raise money to help meet the expenses of sending delegates to the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention, July 2-6, in Washington, D.C.?
6. What motives should guide us in volunteering for Christian service?

and aptitudes He requires. He wants and needs the most gifted and talented young people to preach and to teach His eternal message. Give priority then in your thinking to the claims of the ministry upon your life. Closely allied to the Christian ministry is a wide diversity of full-time opportunities of service. These include pastor's assistants, religious educators, missionary physicians, nurses, teachers, and mechanics.

Christ also needs the parttime service of consecrated volunteers who are eager to devote their time and talents to some specialized phase of service. Opportunities include visitation, music, church school teaching, young programs, secretary work, repairs, mechanical skills, janitor, etc. Other opportunities include branch Sunday schools and religious services in institutions and personal visits to the sick and aged. Christ has a right to claim volunteer service from all of His followers. A Christian Endeavor society is organized into committees to enable us to do together for Christ what we could not do efficiently as individuals.

3. Loyalty to Christ's Church

As true Endeavorers, we pledge ourselves to support the individual church and the denomination of which we are members and the universal church of which Christ is the founder and supreme head. This loyalty is expressed in our motto, *For Christ and the Church*. The two cannot be separated since the Church is the body of Christ. All that is visible of Christ in the world is the Christian Church.

Church members are united in fellowship with Christ. In worship they seek to learn His will and to feel His spirit in their lives. They become the human agents through whom Christ's power flows forth in service to the community. The church upholds and seeks to exemplify the message of Christ. His presence become real through the sacraments. Thus, the church is more than a building or a creed or an organization.

It is the body of Christ with a power and a redemptive force only in Christ. It is also the representative and age of Christ. The stronger the church, the better becomes the community and the easier it is to resist temptation.

Christian Endeavor is organized a channel into the church the venturesome enthusiasm and the energetic resourcefulness which characterize youth. There is life and vitality in a church which places responsibility upon its young people. Moreover, young people need an opportunity to learn by doing and to develop through responsibility. Unused capabilities, like muscles, weaken through lack of creative exercise. Young people also need and welcome the counsel of experience and the advice of older leaders in whom they have confidence. Since the church is a volunteer organization it needs the volunteered service of every member.

4. Fellowship with Christ's People

As an interdenominational, interracial and international organization, Christian Endeavor has always stressed fellowship with all Christians regardless of race, color or nationality. It was ecumenical in its spirit and program long before that big word became a popular part of our Christian vocabulary. To attend a World Christian Endeavor Convention is a thrilling experience which the writer of these topic comments enjoyed last August in Sydney, Australia.

Representatives of some fifty nations lived and worshiped together as one big happy family in Christ for six momentous days. Flags, from all the nations served by Christian Endeavor, were massed around the platform under the over-arching flag of Christendom. Nearly eight thousand voices rang out from every available space in the massive auditorium as the vast crowd sang "Jesus Christ—The Way." Around that same convention theme, leaders of various denominations brought inspiring messages and led in uplifting worship services. The Brotherhood of believers that know no East or West but is "one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth," was felt.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Mar. 25	Judgment of All	Luke 17:22-3
T. Mar. 26	In Humble Spirit	Luke 18:10-1
W. Mar. 27	Hidden Talents	Luke 19:12-2
T. Mar. 28	Servants of God	Luke 16:1-1
F. Mar. 29	Living Love	Luke 10:30-3
S. Mar. 30	Hearing Is Not Enough	Luke 6:46-4
Sun. Mar. 31—Topic: Be a Merit Scholar		Luke 6:39-4

Comments by Dr. W. W. McKinney, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania

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Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Topic Summaries for March

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, Joan Pyle, and Jay Sheffield.

Marriage Problems (three topics)

Builders of Happy Homes

Genesis 1:24-28; Jeremiah 29:4-6

Jeremiah's enlightening message to the exiles in Babylon included the admonitions to marry, rear families, build houses, and plant gardens, even though they were in captivity. No place on earth can be utterly destitute of happiness where family life is normal. Where loved ones are, there we may be content. God in His mercy has established the principle of solidarity in families. That man is the greatest enemy to society who, by his teaching or example, leads to the disintegration of home life. Make this a lecture meeting with a marriage counselor or the minister as guest speaker. Ask him to discuss, specifically, the evils that result from a divided home and the blessings that come from a happy Christian home.

"What God Hath Joined"

Deuteronomy 24:1-5; Mark 10:2-12

In His day, Christ was also faced with the evils of increasing divorces. He attributed the trend to "hardness of heart," from the days of Moses. Not because of any fault in the marriage law did Moses permit divorce, but because of the hardness of men's hearts. Jesus instinctively opposed the dangerous license of free divorce. He did it because it is contrary to nature, contrary to the will of God, and because it leads to number-

less evils. It destroys the home. It lowers the ideal of marriage. Consider these questions:

What does the creation account teach about marriage?

What are some of the principles that should undergird Christian marriage?

What are some causes for broken marriages?

What should be the Christian's attitude toward divorce and remarriage?

3. "To Have and to Hold"

John 2:1-5; I Corinthians 7:1-16

He who made man and knew man instituted the divine ordinance of marriage. His first recorded public appearance in mature years was at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. How gratifying it would be to know that He desires to grace every wedding by His presence! We have tried to exalt the institution of marriage by throwing about it all that is sacred; in most cases the ceremony is performed in a church building by a minister of the Gospel who emphasizes to the contracting couple the divinity of marriage and the priceless blessing of a Christian home. Rather than concentrating so much on "marriage problems," think positively and constructively about marriage. Arrange a special program on "Making Marriage Sacred." Mail advance invitations to couples in the community. Feature wedding music and decorations. Plan a panel on the theme.

Visitation Evangelism (two topics)

1. Two by Two

Mark 6:7-13; Acts 2:42-47

How the apostles must have thrilled

at the words of Jesus which were intended to warm their hearts and challenge them for the great work to which He had called them! In response to the challenge, they went forth, two by two, to preach, teach, and heal. The association of two and two was a wise and practical measure which the Lord Himself originated. We cannot improve upon it. The witness of two is stronger than one. They supplement each other. In our calling campaigns it is better that two go together. Why? Discuss this along with these questions:

Why is evangelism the main task of the church?

How can we be effective personal evangelists?

What part does prayer have in effective evangelism?

2. Ministering Love

Luke 6:31-35; John 13:1-17

The Christian who would serve mankind has much to do by way of preparation. Therefore, let him not rush forth thinking himself qualified because of the impulse to help someone. We should not forget the lesson that Jesus taught when He girded himself with a towel and washed the disciples' feet. Long afterwards, Peter taught, "Gird yourselves with humility to serve one another." Preceding Pentecost, the disciples were told to tarry in Jerusalem until they should be endued with power from on high. The statement "We cannot teach what we do not know; we cannot lead where we will not go" is axiomatic. Discuss the training necessary for a personal evangelist. Inaugurate a weekly calling campaign.

"Remember the Smiths?"

By Bert H. Davis

OUR fellowship of adults or of young adults widens its influence and extends its Christian service as some members move away from the home church. Indeed, because of the mobility of young couples in particular, we can count on having some of the members with us for only a few years before they relocate at a distance.

We should try to keep in touch with these former members, so that we continue to hear from them and are able to share with them the accounts of our continued work and the news about us

who were their co-workers while they were in active fellowship with us.

As we receive their messages from time to time, these should be placed on a bulletin board or passed around among the present members, many of whom will have a warm spot in their memories concerning these folks who moved away. What they tell us about their activities in the church and their family life will often inform and inspire those in our own fellowship. We may count on similar benefits from messages that go from our group to them.

Two Helpful Resources

With Young Adults in Christian Endeavor by Phyllis G. Brown and Bert H. Davis. This 48-page book covers leadership, organization, program, projects, and includes topic summaries for a year of meetings. Available for 75c from the Publishing Department of the International Society.

Bibliography for Adult and Young Adult Societies. Lists a variety of available resources. Available without charge from the International Society.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ENROLL IN THE 1963 SOCIETY ROLL CALL



All across North America certificates are being received by Christian Endeavor societies, announcing that the society has enrolled in the International Society.

Societies giving \$15 receive a blue seal certificate. Red seals are used on certificates to those groups giving \$30 while gifts of \$50 or more merit a gold seal.

By enrolling in the International Society as a society . . . as well as individual members . . . your group becomes an active part of a world-wide movement.

Any Christian Endeavor society, union, or adult group in the United States, Canada, or Mexico which enrolls in the 1963 Society Roll Call may nominate a young person for the Endeavorer of the Year selection.

Proudly display an enrollment certificate where your society meets. Answer the Society Roll Call.



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